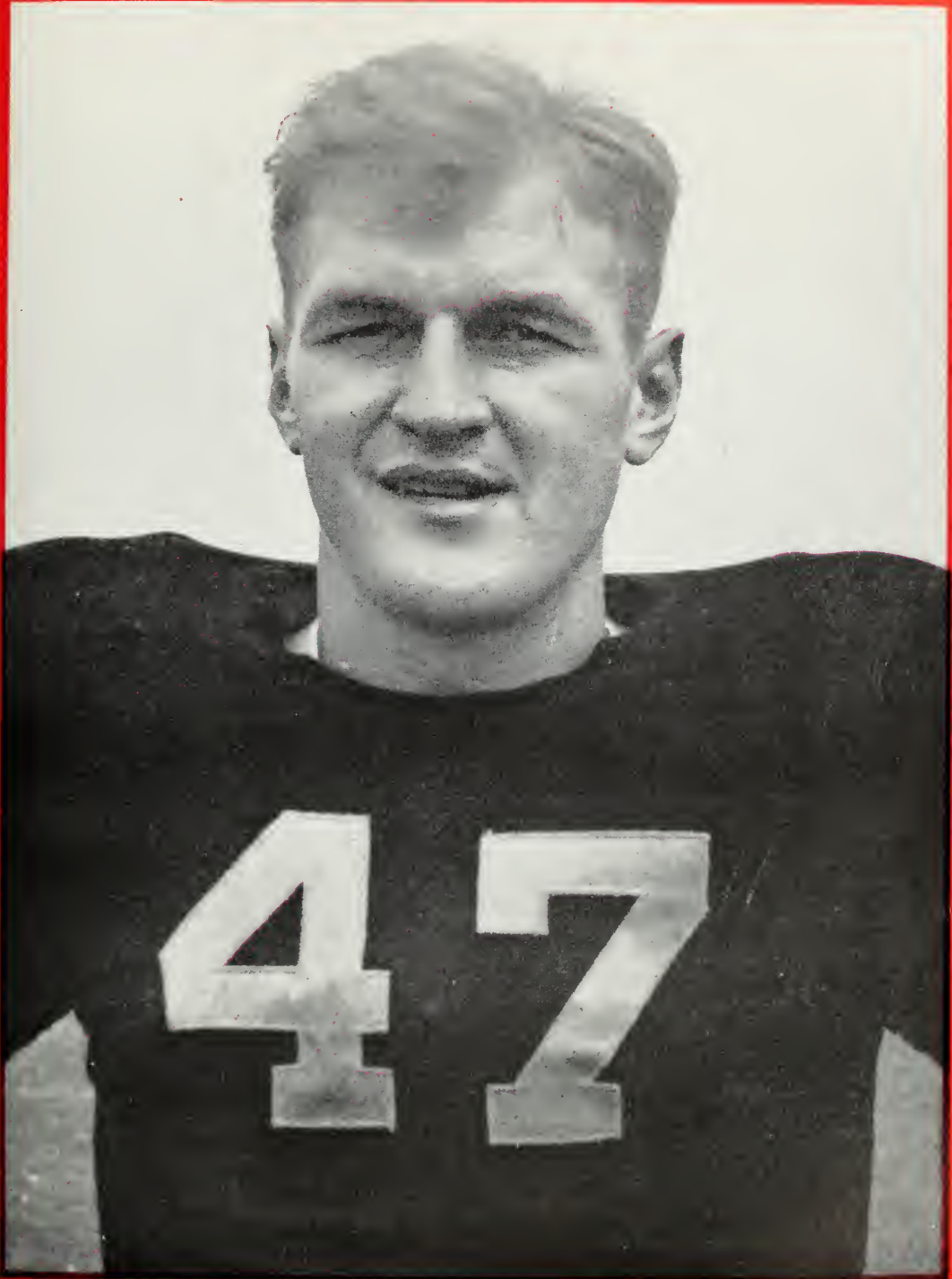




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A T O A S T

***To the Purple and Red***

By MAXWELL STILES

**I** DRINK to the brothers of Sigma,  
And here's to the fellows of Phi;  
An Epsilon stein or a beaker of wine  
Means more than "Mud in your eye!"  
So here's to the Sword and the Heart,  
And here's to the pledge we have said:  
"May nothing dissever our Friendship Forever"  
Let's drink to the Purple and Red.

So I give you a toast to the brothers,  
Wherever the brothers may be,  
Whether here at our table or who were unable  
To join in our cam'raderie.  
Let us drink, each of us, to all others,  
To Sig Eps both living and dead:  
Bottoms up! to our part-kin who wear the proud heart pin!  
Let us drink . . . to the Purple and Red!



## [ The Customers Always Write ]

THE JOURNAL welcomes letters and comments from readers, whether of criticism, information, opinion, or just chatter. All suggestions of a critical as well as a creative nature are always eagerly solicited. The JOURNAL reserves the right to print letters in whole or in part unless else specified.

### Wanted—Alumni Help



FLY

Pennsylvania Epsilon is looking for a new alumni board. After 38 years of combined service, the two mainstays of the board, the president and secretary-treasurer are ready to retire.

Back in the early '20s—more than twenty three years ago—Uncle Billy Phillips approached Edward H. Thevenet of Bethlehem with a request: would he take over the admin-

istration of the Lehigh chapter? Brother Thevenet had been away from Sig Ep affairs for quite some time and especially from his home chapter, Ohio Alpha at Ohio Northern University. He took over willingly, however, and has since devoted much of his time to the affairs of a chapter of which he is not an alumnus.

Eight years later, in 1931, Walter G. Fly, D.C. Alpha, a comparative stranger in Bethlehem, was elected secretary-treasurer of Pennsylvania Epsilon Association. Walter needs little introduction to Sig Eps. After a stint as president and many months of outstanding service as an active at George Washington, he retained an active interest in Sig Ep. Ten years ago he was appointed Governor of District III. Later he became a member of the Executive Committee and has served as Grand Junior Marshal, Grand Senior Marshal, Grand Guard, and Grand Historian. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee in Tulsa, he became the fraternity's Grand Vice-president.

Both busy and successful business men, Walter Fly and Ed Thevenet have contributed untold hours of work for the betterment of Pennsylvania Epsilon. But theirs has not been a routine and ordinary administration. Soon after Brother Thevenet became alumni president, he engineered the big job of locating and financing the purchase of a new home. Since that time, in addition to the hundreds of small, thankless jobs, the board has successfully paid off two building and loan plans totaling \$15,000. The present mortgage has been substantially reduced under their guidance. During the war, by strict economy and close liaison with the chapter, they succeeded in keeping the chapter operating for all but one semester, when circum-

stances beyond their control forced the vacating of the house.

There have been other members of this outstanding board. To mention but two, G. M. Comagys, Virginia Eta, and Gavin Alexander, Ohio Alpha. Others have come and gone, each doing a share of work.

So now these men are ready to step out, and who can deny that they are more than deserving of a rest after years of work? To them we express sincere appreciation. Their heritage of loyal service now passes into the hands of Pennsylvania Epsilon men who should readily see the challenge to take over where men from other chapters have left off.

Bethlehem is located between two large metropolitan areas—Philadelphia and New York—in which many Sig Eps from Pennsylvania Epsilon must live. Communications from any of these men who are willing to help shoulder this responsibility would be greatly appreciated and should be addressed to the president at 61 West Market Street, Bethlehem, Pa.—JOHN A. CHRISTIE, Historian.

### N.H.Q.

Let's be practical about this National Headquarters thing. CHICAGO.—RALPH M. PERSON, *Wisconsin Alpha*, '43, 598 Sheridan Square, Evanston, Ill.

The sale of National Headquarters came as quite a surprise to most of us. I first read of it in the *Times-Dispatch* and was eager to get the next JOURNAL so that I might have all the details. I trust that the transaction points to even greater things for our beloved Fraternity.

I am sincerely hoping that National Headquarters will remain in Richmond. One of the chief factors that contribute to our Fraternity's greatness is the beauty of its traditions. Nearly all of these are grounded in Richmond and closely entwined around the University. Removal to a central location would hardly be an advantage with the speed of modern transportation. Any advantage it might now have would certainly decrease as these facilities are speeded up. Let us make our new headquarters building a real shrine to a great ideal, set amid the hallowed spots that gave it birth and nurtured it to greatness.—RICHARD A. BENTZINGER, *Iowa Alpha*, '41.

### Instructors Sought

I wish to call attention for what it may be worth to the fact that Prof. F. J. Veihmeyer of the University of California recently visited various eastern states in a search for instructors in various engineering and scientific subjects. He is an alumnus of D.C. Alpha and naturally would prefer Sig Ep men if they can be had. The requirements are either C.E. or M.E. for engineering jobs, or Ph.D. for lecturing in other lines.



He can be addressed at Davis, Calif., c/o University of California, or presumably communications can be addressed to the President of the University.

I have no idea as to how much of a roster of employables the Central Office may have, but pass this word along in the hope that it will be helpful.—F.W.D., *D.C. Alpha*, '09.

## Divertissement, eh What?

The mandarins of the house staff (Circuit, Rusnak, Sylvia) take umbrage and are in high dudgeon re, your suggested title of "Correspondent" for the chapter historian. "Too swishy!" is the cry. You'd know they wouldn't tolerate any muscling into the grandiloquent title ranks.

Considering long lists of names anent chapter members tedious, dull, and otherwise scarcely of interest to anyone outside of the ego involved (the formalities with Richmond having already been attended to), this Eye will not indulge himself in that sort of performance, an evasive *divertissement* at best. Rather the Alpha morceau will be consecrated to chapter-house small-talk and other fraternity minutiae not forgetting to mention those members who are definitely on the *qui vive* by name. All this intelligence embellished—or adorned—with the juiciest in foreign words and phrases used indiscriminately wherever an English word would serve as well.—ROGER ANTHONY BURGOS, Historian, *New York Alpha*.

## 100 or Bust!

The latest issue of the JOURNAL is full of newsy items. I think that the New York University chapter has fared very well. However, I want to correct the impression given that our alumni reunions are annual. Our alumni reunions are now going to be held regularly semi-annually as was the case this year with one reunion in September and the other in February. It is our plan, effective this year, to hold them in conjunction with the initiations held at the close of each college term; one being held in June of each year and the other in February. The reason I would like to have this brought out some way is that as our alumni realize these two standing dates for reunions they will be able to look forward to them and plan to attend. The alumni are not going to be satisfied until each of these gatherings numbers better than 100 each term and I think we will hit that in one of our next two get-togethers.—ROBERT W. KELLY, *New York Gamma*, '29, District II Governor.

## Reunion After Tokyo

We would like all Sig Eps to know that we are building from the inside out here at Oregon State. We are running pretty well now and would like to announce that the house will be ready to enfold its former residents at the big 1946 Homecoming—Reunion After Tokyo—on November 23 when the Beavers play the University of Oregon

in the annual Civil War. Sig Ep's Boyd Clemet of Rose Bowl fame and Bob Reiman will probably start on the Oregon State eleven.—HARRY C. BLEILE, *Oregon Alpha*.

## Principles

Experience teaches that failures in fraternalism are largely due to neglect of fundamental philosophy. Could this be true in certain places in Sigma Phi Epsilon?

The Grand Chapter must be zealous of high standards and enforce them. It ought to set up a National House and Grounds Committee whose duty it would be to see that our undergraduate brothers are pursuing knowledge and practicing brotherhood in sanitary, cheerful environment conducive to bringing out the best.

The Grand Chapter ought strongly to encourage interfraternity competition in all our chapters for the development of sportsmanship and talent.

The Grand Chapter ought to engage the services of a dietitian to see that our undergraduate brothers enjoy a balanced diet and enough of it.

The Grand Chapter ought to supervise the pledge trainers in each chapter so that it may be kept in mind that this is the place to teach the National and local operation of the Fraternity and its organization. Let's use those pledge manuals! Also an officers' training program, such as is sometimes held by other fraternities and has been possibly held by ours in the past, could be devised by each District.

It takes the actives to carry out all these, but the Grand Chapter and the alumni can "set the stage" for their wholesome fulfillment.—ZENAS A. STANFIELD, *Tennessee Alpha*, '44.

## Orchids

I want to thank those responsible for the JOURNAL for the very fine job they have done in keeping us abreast of fraternity news. One of the first things I looked for in packages sent from home was the JOURNAL which my mother always sent me immediately upon its arrival at home.—R. ELWIN FULLER, *Pennsylvania Lambda*, '42, Erie Pa.

I enjoy reading the JOURNAL and desire to compliment you for producing this attractive publication.—COL. JOSEPH V. HODGSON, *Michigan Alpha*, The United States Commissioner, United Nations War Crimes Commission.

## Saga in a Capsule

Charles M. Featherston, a charter member of the new chapter at the University of Tulsa, comes by his membership with historic honesty. Two uncles—Chris Williams and Ivan Williams were members at the University of Arkansas—while, better still, perhaps, his grandmother, Mrs. Jesse C. Williams, was housemother for the University of Arkansas Sig Eps in 1915 and 1916.

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DEADLINES: 20TH OF JULY, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER, & MARCH



THIS keynote picture is representative of fraternity social affairs thriving on the postwar campus. In this glimpse of one of Tennessee Alpha's celebrated and always well-photographed parties is Bob Hamton enjoying party conversation with co-eds Carol Newman and Marie Pente-cost.

On the inside pages are messages from the national officers of the Fraternity and an authoritative article by Prof. Charles E. Allred, of the University of Tennessee, on what all loyal Sig Eps must do if the Fraternity is to live up to its promise of the first forty-five years.

As the issue goes to press, groups of actives and alumni everywhere are gathering for Founders' Day (November 1) dinner meetings to reiterate the principles and purposes on which our brotherhood is founded.

There are brief articles which will serve to introduce new personalities, including Frank Ruck, Jr., new Field Secretary. Other material includes announcement of the 1947 Conclave which should be of particular interest. Also the usual departments, comprising, it would seem, a fine record of continuing progress.—J.R.



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# EDITORIALS

*THERE is a saying that the English have aimed primarily at liberty, the French at equality, and the Americans at fraternity. . . . Whatever divisions there may be in actual American life are there against the will, or without the knowledge, of most Americans, who rank fraternity among the precious virtues and graces of mankind.—C. VAN DOREN.*

## **The Conclave**

Sigma Phi Epsilon's "Heart of America" Conclave plans are under way!

At a meeting of the Conclave organizing committee in Kansas City September 26, the dates of the first full-scale national Sig Ep round-up since the start of the war were determined upon as September 2, 3, and 4, 1947.

The Fraternity's Executive Committee members will convene at the Hotel Muehlebach, convention headquarters on Sunday, August 31, and Monday, September 1, preceding the Conclave proper on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The District Governors will also gather one day in advance of the general Conclave, on Labor Day Monday.

At the first meeting of the Conclave organizing committee, Kenneth Van Scoy, Nebraska Alpha, was chosen Conclave director. R. C. Southall, Kansas Alpha, heads the finance committee, and Herbert Roush, Missouri Alpha, the publicity committee. Other committee heads will be announced with other, more extensive, Conclave news in the February JOURNAL.

Meanwhile the subject of the Conclave should be placed on the agenda of undergraduate and alumni chapter meetings, so that preparation for this momentous congress will be as full as possible. The sharing of ideas and experiences of accredited delegates will be extremely helpful to all when those ideas have been soundly derived and given seasoned judgment. Moreover, when the majority of delegates arrive at Kansas City well stocked with them, no

spellbinder letting himself go on the floor is likely to put across any plausible foolishness. By whatever cause, the atmosphere of such conventions, taking one with another, is decidedly one of carnival, and many a leavening influence is brought to bear upon the process of serious thought.

Kenneth Van Scoy, Conclave director, one of the most loyal members of the Kansas City Alumni Chapter, alumni hosts, was a member of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter when the extremely successful Conclave was staged in that city in 1940, and one of the chief contributors to its success. His present colleagues have broad backs, lofty minds, and "Heart of America" hearts, and hence all success is assured.

"Wearers of the Sig Ep Heart will find a heartfelt welcome in the Heart of America!" writes Publicity Chairman Roush, thereby creating a slogan.

## **Over-dilution is Chaos**

There is every reason today to be wary of the pitfalls of extremes. The chief element of human complacency is economic stability, and when this factor has been knocked into a cocked hat as it has today, the human breast is bound to be charged with indecision.

Men may still know where they are going, but it is unquestionably more difficult to see the way, and there is a great likelihood of getting off on pointless and often harmful detours.

The present period of our national economic inflation is, for example, a detour that is doubtless both pointless and harmful. It has eventuated because human beings are too readily addicted to extremes. When we have it in our power to demand material things, we demand too many of them, disregarding the likelihood that the more we obtain the fewer there will be available for our neighbor. It is in a case like this that

devotion to a sense of proportion is a safeguard.

Fraternity life offers many cases in point. Frank Ruck, Jr., new Sig Ep field secretary, wisely recognizes that "Hard times take care of themselves, but prosperous times such as now bring a thousand dangers and pitfalls."

Since manpower is more than plentiful, there is a danger in chapters loading themselves beyond capacity, merely because they cannot resist pledging good men. Even while chapter leaders know that an atmosphere of relative intimacy is essential to fraternity bond, and that when a chapter becomes too large, it is bound to lose the character of a college fraternity, they see only the extreme. And though there are invariably one or two individuals in the chapter with whom a sense of proportion is in-

born, these fellows are quickly outvoted by the impassioned majority.

Thinking in accordance with a sense of proportion involves appraising all the parts of a situation one by one and finally in the perspective of the whole.

Clearly what our campuses need today is not more men in the existing chapters but more chapters, and it should be the chief project of campus interfraternity councils, co-operating with the college administration and the departments of student housing and buildings and grounds, to make their establishment possible.

By now a good many chapters have discovered that a fraternity house with too many men in it can function no more happily than a home with too many relatives and boarders. Brotherhood diluted too

*Much anti-fraternity feeling may be engendered against us in the period ahead by those very men who are worthy to join our ranks but are denied this privilege because there is no room for them and because of their admission to the campus during an over-crowded period. These men are very likely to feel embittered when they are not asked to join. As a consequence these men are found to heap much fuel upon the anti-fraternity flame. "Fraternities," they will say, "are smug, self-complacent, and snobbish and really don't care a hoot about the general student welfare." Moreover, when normal times return and fraternities start looking for pledges, it will be the turn of the men once ignored to do the ignoring.*

*During the present, those who could be benefited and those who could render benefit ought not to be denied membership. It is better to establish three or four men in rooms built for two, serving two shifts at mealtime, if doing so will make it possible for additional top-rate students to attend college in the perspective of fraternity brotherhood. If fraternities cannot expand to meet this vital challenge, some other organization is likely to be born that may not function in such close harmony with the principles of the college. The public is apt to think of them as fraternities and, on the basis of their faults, roundly damn all college brotherhood together.*

*We believe that it is the duty, obligation, and privilege of all chapters and particularly our own to co-operate with the college administration in taking care of as many students as possible during this critical period.*

*Expansion must also be effected in another way. The Grand Chapter feels that all well-established fraternities should expand now by placing chapters on new campuses where there are not enough fraternity chapters. They should also reactivate dormant chapters which have not been active for years yet continue to live fondly in the memory of their alumni. Our Fraternity encourages petitions for charters from well-established locals in non-Sig Ep colleges. In some cases we may also establish the petitioning group ourselves with the help of alert Sig Ep alumni bodies, district governors, and student members who have transferred from other colleges.*

*We shall continue to marshal our resources to provide a merited supply of Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters to accommodate the greatly increased, though also greatly merited, demand.*

—WILLIAM W. HINDMAN, JR.



thin is no longer brotherhood. Over-dilution is chaos.

## **Repledge Your Alumni**

There is an interesting thing relating to the current JOURNAL subscription drive which the Executive Committee members authorized at the August meeting in Tulsa.

Carlton Pittman, '21, and William Thomas Mewborn, '25, both of the inactive University of North Carolina chapter, were Number 1 and Number 2 subscribers, respectively, in response to the direct mail campaign launched by the Central Office.

Residents of two small North Carolina cities, Sanford and Kinston, neither has been inside a Sig Ep chapter house for years, nor seen a JOURNAL.

Research organizations specializing in magazine reader tests would be stumped to explain their action, knowing that Greek-letter publications purvey a singularly unexciting brand of journalism. The explanation, they would say, lies in one of the so-called "intangibles," and it would take a "depth interview" to ferret it out.

The answer, of course, must be sought in the experiences which befell these two alumni before they left the campus more than twenty years ago. Doubtless the Sig Ep Ritual gives some of the words without explaining their meaning. One of these perhaps is *Bond*, and another *Loyalty*.

Sigma Phi Epsilon expects the men whom it has initiated to be life-loyal; but the Loyalty of the Ritual emblazoned against a backdrop of idealism has worth only as a contributing factor. Effective loyalty has two parts: principle and action. Sig Ep loyalty must begin and end in the undergraduate chapter, where a man must learn his lessons well as an active or as an alumnus he will be found wanting. Merely to be informed of fraternity doings through the pages of the JOURNAL isn't enough.

The active chapter that fails to keep its alumni informed at all times is shirking an imperative obligation, not primarily because of the information they fail to get, but because the bond is broken. A young man leaves home, writes letters and in turn receives letters from the folks back home. Through letters the bond may continue a lifetime. In time, should the letters stop, the

home will mean nothing to the man who has left it, not because of the information contained in the letters but because loyalty has been scorned. Such a lapse is a regretted loss.

However, a full course of action is not constituted merely by placing the JOURNAL in the hands of the non-subscribers as well as subscribers restimulate loyalty.

What Sig Ep must do also, and do at once, is urge every one of its undergraduate chapters, with all the persuasion that can be commanded, to join in the campaign and to conduct the actual rep pledging of their alumni themselves, so that the original bond may be joined again, heart to heart. Many chapters badly need alumni guidance and need it now.

At chapter meeting, an appropriate committee should be appointed, *not* from among the brothers who don't happen to be on any active committee at the moment, but from among the very ablest fellows in the chapter. It is a paradox that only busy men have time to get things done. The first project is for each chapter to prepare an alumni list with correct mailing addresses. With continued application of effort, alert chapters have demonstrated that even the longest lost, most elusive brothers can be got back on the mailing list.

Here and there much help in rep pledging the alumni can be obtained from organized alumni groups. Undergraduate chapters may, for example, send a list of "lost brothers" to the secretary of the alumni chapter nearest it, accompanied by a plea for help. Moreover, alumni chapters are in a position, often, to stage a "repledge the alumni" drive of their own and by all means should do so.

Meanwhile the regular publication of a chapter paper is a "must." Among the twenty Sig Ep chapters that have died since 1901, a calculated dozen would be thriving today had the officers of those chapters retained the friendly interest and support of their alumni through the regular issuance of news bulletins to them and the understanding that a chapter that lives only in the present and only for itself is a boarding-house, here today, forgotten tomorrow, and not the fraternity home at whose fireside are kindled loyalties and friendships that live forever.



Men of the Executive Committee and other officials of the Fraternity pose informally in front of Will Rogers statue at the Rogers Memorial, Claremore, Okla. Starting at left: Charles S. Thompson, Ray McCron, Larkin Bailey, Walter G. Fly, Ted Bush, Robert L. Ryan, Earle W. Frost, William L. Phillips, Edwin Buchanan, William W. Hindman, Jr., and William C. Smolenske. Absent: Luis Roberts, Marshal.

# LET'S WORK FOR THESE PURPOSES

**By the National Officers**

A symposium of timely counsel by men whose devotion to Sigma Phi Epsilon and the right solution of its problems embraces a generation.

**T**HE best and most effective plans that are worked out by men and women to improve human welfare along the course of civilization are frequently worked out by the conference method. "Let us put our heads together and build a block road," as a committee of early town fathers expressed it. Hence the prevalence of boards of directors, trustees, advisory councils, executive committees and the like.

The policies of Sigma Phi Epsilon are

formulated, or at least passed upon, by an executive committee, whose members meet yearly, and whose deliberations supplement the biennial Conclaves of the Fraternity. The September JOURNAL reported the 1946 annual meeting held in Tulsa, in considerable detail.

In this issue, in paragraphs that follow, members of the Executive Committee individually express themselves on matters that are of moment to members of the Fraternity, especially the undergraduate members on college campuses throughout the nation.

Represented in the symposium are Grand President Robert L. Ryan, California Alpha, '25; Grand Vice-president Walter G. Fly, D. C. Alpha, '25; Grand Treasurer Edwin Buchanan, Ohio Gamma, '12; Grand Historian Larkin Bailey, California Alpha, '23; Grand Guard Charles S. Thompson, Pennsylvania Delta, '14; and Senior Grand Marshal William C. Smolenske, Colorado Beta, '13. A commentary by William W. Hindman, Jr., Grand Secretary, appears elsewhere in this issue.

★ **RYAN** ★

*This is fraternity year!* From all sources we hear this expression. College deans,



presidents, grand chapter officers, and even the old grad who has not been out for five years says, "This is it." They are referring to the fact that the manpower problem for the college fraternity chapter is a thing of the past, and that all college fraternities will thrive and prosper. Your Fraternity holds the same view; however, alumni members who have directed the efforts of our chapters throughout the country by reason for their association as chapter adviser, alumni treasurer, or district governor, have thought of many of the errors that can come in to spoil this picture.

These are some of our problems in these so-called times of plenty:

*The big house.* We need more housing space than ever to provide for our returning members and the new men that will be asked to join. However, with present levels of high costs in operation and food, a heavy mortgage can and probably will prove a great hardship to men that come to school at a later date without benefits such as now available under the G.I. Bill. Each chapter, each alumni house corporation, must weigh with great care commitments made today that must be fulfilled later. The older heads that are represented on your building corporation board, and your chapter adviser must show the undergraduates what can be

done and what is impossible and impracticable.

*A big pledge class all at once.* There will be a tendency to take new men quickly. Remember that your eligible men will be numerous and see that the rushing committee has taken time to meet and know as many men as possible. Don't close off the pledge class too early in the season, as good men are bound to show up and they should have the chance for pledgship.

*A limited membership goal.* Where chapters are required by university ruling to limit membership, little can be done. However, each chapter without such restrictions should carefully weigh the fact that now is the time when more men should be entitled to consideration as fraternity members. If your chapter limits its membership for reasons other than physical capacity, you are sure to find that fraternities as a whole, and your chapter in particular, will be subject to unfavorable criticism and charged with "exclusiveness and snobbishness." Sigma Phi Epsilon should not be charged in that respect, as we have as much as possible tried to make membership available to as many acceptable men as possible. Do your share in the present housing crisis and try to carry more than usual, if the men meet your requirements.



Actives and pledges at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., as of September.

*Work and effort.* This is what will pay off in the fraternity world. We believe in our system of selected brotherhood, but you must work to make it work. Committees must be chosen with care and the chapter management must see that they do the work assigned. We have no room for loafers or for free rides. Your chapter will be like a new car this year, all ready to go. Remember it must have gasoline, oil, and lubrication and if it looks well to the rest of the world must be clean. The gasoline is your enthusiasm, the oil and lubrication is the work and effort, and your moral standards will certainly show everyone how clean standards are maintained.

Let's make this fraternity year so that in turn it will become a fraternity age.

## ★ BUCHANAN ★

Fraternities will have an unusual problem to face in the years just ahead. Not all of those in the student population who are eligible and who desire Greek-letter affiliation can be accommodated by the limited number of groups on the average campus.

Chapters will be able to improve the quality of their membership and lay greater stress on scholarship and the more serious phases of college life, especially where such things have been lacking in the past.

However, here and there skill must be used in selection so that the chapter may be a homogeneous and harmonious group with adequate representation in each of the college classes. With the large number of veterans enrolled, the natural impulse is to go all out for these men, so many of whom are juniors or seniors. At the same time a proportionate number of freshmen and sophomores should be pledged so that next year's returning groups will be more than a corporal's guard, in order to avoid the problems which a small chapter presents at the opening of the school year. If through careless and hasty pledging in the past rushing season, your chapter membership is out of balance, with too many veterans or too many football players, or with a surplus of scholars, and a shortage of the "good-fellowship" type, set about correcting this

situation completely next autumn for again you will have an overflow picture with more boys trying to enter college than the faculty is able to accept.

Fraternity membership is a privilege and no all-around boy who has these qualifications—moral character, good fellowship and the desire to acquit himself well in the classroom—should be deprived of an association which he will treasure his whole life through.

## ★ FLY ★

It doesn't take a wise man, or an energetic one for that matter, to "look good" when the going is easy and the competition is light.

It *is* the mark of a smart man, however, to use the advantages of a period of smooth sailing in preparing for the future.

The chapter that finds rushing a pushover today and takes the first candidates because it is the easiest way when hundreds are available, is quite likely to be a sad example of fraternity life in four years.

The chapter that finds ready money easily available these days and neglects its book-keeping or lets its physical assets go to pieces while large sums are spent on entertainment is likewise kidding itself.

The future of Sigma Phi Epsilon rests in decisions of this sort which will be made by chapters through the country but under strikingly similar conditions. The highest requirements for candidates, the greatest selection of pledges, and the sharpest vigilance in chapter management—*now*—will pay dividends of untold value in the lean years which we know from experience are the proving ground of fraternity survival.

We have been unusually successful in the difficult war period. Let us not lose that advantage through anything short of our best effort today.

## ★ BAILEY ★

Thought and action in Sigma Phi Epsilon postwar planning have grown increasingly streamlined. Two high-type chapters were added this spring in a single state—Oklahoma. Most fraternities on their toes are now conducting extensive fact-finding campaigns,



searching for openings where solid chapters may be added. Sigma Phi Epsilon is in the front ranks of this group. Three able field secretaries—Ray McCron, Ted Bush, and Frank Ruck—are doing this work, besides their other assignments, for our Fraternity.

Streamlined for *quality* is the real objective in this postwar era. Just numbers is far from the goal; but rather chapters made up of outstanding campus leaders. We all realize that the time will surely come when keen competition will be the order of the day. We must be prepared for that competition.

A great number of veterans are now attending colleges and universities where our chapters are located. These men constitute a group of the soundest thinkers in America. We owe them much for service rendered our nation. I believe that a special consideration should be shown them. They can be of enormous value to our Fraternity.

## ★ THOMPSON ★

What does the fraternity house itself mean to you? Is it a place to hang up your hat and clothes and go to sleep? Is it a barracks? Or does it mean more?

To the selfish man it is, of course, a barracks where, as he says, he can do "just as I damn please," without thought of keeping it clean, neat, and tidy. In a house where such as he resides initials are cut in the woodwork; there is shouting, running, loud talking and laughing and thumping the piano at all hours. "The other fellow" and his rights are minimized. It is a selfishness we see intensified by the war and its aftermath.

To the man of character the true fraternity home is the embodiment of the high ideals and unselfishness that are the keystone of fraternalism, exemplifying the principles of a gentleman.

Not long ago I asked an alumnus just come back after five years in the Army: "Where is your home?—it is in Michigan, isn't it?"

"No, indeed," he replied. "My home is right here in this Sig Ep house; it's the only place I really feel at home; I only live in Michigan."

In his college home this brother had found understanding; he had found a mutual bond of helpful consideration that he had never before realized. Indeed, his fraternity house was his real home.

Of course, that is the ideal that Sigma Phi Epsilon is working for on every campus where it exists or enters, and anything that tends to hurt a home, as lack of thoughtfulness for others, lack of care for that home, lack of clean living, and the pursuit of selfishness in whatever way, has no place in a true fraternity house. Perhaps our pledge training should cover this, so the freshman will know our viewpoint before he enters.

## ★ SMOLENSKE ★

The other day I met a friend who had lost his right hand in the war. Without thinking I offered to shake his hand. Of course, he had to offer me his left hand. After a few words of greeting, he told me how he lost his hand, but, said he, "I am leaving tomorrow for a distant city where the Government is to replace my hand and teach me how to use an artificial one." He assured me that all would end well.

After I left him, the thought came to me that the hand and fingers are great instruments of expression . . . in delivering an address . . . the dancer uses them in many ways . . . the artist works long and carefully to get them in the right position . . . our great pianists use them ideally. Indeed, the hand is a marvelous organization unto itself.

Even Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity has a hand, which I should like to describe to you. I'll call the first finger or index finger the *Life* finger. It is the one that guides the pen and it is the pointer, perhaps easily the most important finger of all. In our Fraternity it is the Active Chapter. Herein is contained the life blood of our organization. The answer as to whether Sigma Phi Epsilon shall grow and prosper and keep its high standing in the fraternity world is to be found here—in numbers of men but, more important, in the high standard and quality of men. Great credit for the present standard of our Fraternity must go to the

men in the Active Chapters and their advisers.

We may call the second finger the "Gold" finger, because it reaches out farther than all others. It represents the Grand Chapter, where policies are formulated, where finances are collected and safeguarded, where plans for expansion and growth are arranged and brought into fruition, where the mechanics of our Fraternity are cared for.

The third finger is the "Voice" or expression finger. This is represented by the Executive Committee. It is the expression body of our Fraternity. Its outlook is national in scope, remembering far back and looking a long way ahead. Our hope of success from year to year is invested in it. All honor to men on the Executive Committee, present, past and future, who have served and will continue to serve faithfully.

The fourth finger is that of "Service." It is represented by the Alumni Chapter and its members who do the little things—things that are never published. Their number is large and includes those who spread good news of Sigma Phi Epsilon to the young men who are ready to enter our colleges and also those who write to the Active Chapter giving names of good men to rush and pledge. In our large cities and in every community, these men live Sigma Phi Epsilon from day to day in the daily walks of their lives and aid one another by their intimate fraternal relations.

And so, having counted the four fingers, we have at last the "Thumb" to complete the grasp. Its theme of service is "Loyalty"—the basis of all noble friendships. The friend, true and steadfast through good or evil, possesses loyalty at the core. The pioneer is loyal to his purpose, as must be the victor on all fields of battle. Loyalty achieves great triumphs in every sphere of labor. It is the watchword of civilization. It is faith, heroism, devotion, steadfastness, and passion all in one. It is one of the majestic words of our language.

To make this Sigma Phi Epsilon hand perfect, individual enthusiasm is essential; we must perform some duty, we must give of our time, for service is the authorized mark of advancement in the affairs of man.

The second substance is "Inspiration," which is conveyed by the torch of our brothers, by attending meetings, by carrying our share of the responsibility, by boosting our Fraternity at all times.

The third substance to impart action is "Imagination" or Vision, for it is essential also that one look ahead . . . dream . . . plan in the eye of the mind so that in the end a better service may be done.

## They Say . . .

QUOTABLE QUOTES BY FRATERNITY PEOPLE:  
Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Phi Gamma Delta, in the *New York Herald Tribune*: "What this country needs is a day of absolute silence, in which no speech would be made, no radio program offered, no newspaper published, a day in which all conversation would be at a minimum."

Editor Helen Bower of the *Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*. "We would like to see rushing become as inconspicuous as possible, and soon. The men's fraternities select their members without fuss and fanfare. Why cannot we? If there is a phase of college fraternity life which can be distorted to give the general public a misleading idea of the purposes of fraternity, let us then get to work to correct that phase beyond possibility of distortion."

Dean J. Harris Purks, Chi Phi, Emory University, in the *Chakett*: "The slow neutron has cast a fateful die. The mind of man brings him ever nearer to his God. And in His presence there must be purity of heart—or else."

Harry Emerson Fosdick, Delta Upsilon, churchman and writer: "If we have peace now it must be world peace; if we have economic security in one hemisphere, economic chaos must not ravage the other. Like it or not, we are members one of another; mankind is no longer pigeonholed in isolated compartments. We may as well face the truth. We live in one world now, headed together for heaven or hell on earth."

John D. Sparks in the *Diary of Alpha Kappa Psi*: "In years past the editorial page was an important feature in every fraternity magazine. Today, they seem to have almost disappeared. We cannot help but believe that the fraternities are the losers because of the elimination. We still believe that an editorial page offers one of the most effective means for outlining policies, correcting defects, and, in general, keeping members informed on the problems of a fraternity. It is reasonable to believe that greater emphasis by fraternities on their ideals of character and brotherhood through the medium of their magazines would enable them to recover much of the spiritual quality which was so evident in years past."





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## SIG EP NEEDS LIFE LOYALTY

**By Charles E. Allred**

Benefits a fraternity can derive from "repledging" older alumni; ways and methods of stimulating interest during undergraduate days.

**T**HE need of active chapters for alumni interest and support has never been more evident than during the crises which the chapters went through during World Wars I and II. I recall a chapter of one fraternity which was among the strongest on its campus before War I, but which was so weakened during that period that it has never regained its position of leadership; early in War II it became inactive, and has not yet been re-established.

On the campus of every large college or university there are chapters which formerly stood near the top but which now are near the bottom; while other chapters which formerly stood low are now near the top. Still other chapters, formerly good, have remained good.

These changes were brought about by the action, or lack of action, of people who should be interested in the progress of the chapter.

The record always shows that where all the actives and all the alumni of a well-established chapter join hands in a concerted effort, in a very few years they place their chapter near the top on its campus, and keep it there. On the other hand, without alumni participation the status of any chapter is likely to fluctuate from year to year, with changes in personnel. It is very difficult to maintain an established policy when left entirely to a membership which changes completely each three or four years; and the officers of which change at least once per year.

It often happens, too, that the new officers of a chapter need the balanced advice of older heads. They may be over-enthusiastic, and due to inexperience may commit the chapter to activities which are not for the best interest of the group; or on the other hand, they may be so lethargic that they need someone to build a fire under them once in a while to prevent them and the chapter from going to sleep.

The active chapter needs the help of alumni in many other ways: financial advice; competent legal advice is frequently helpful; advice on the kinds and amounts of insurance to carry; buying current supplies to best advantage; architect's and contractor's opinion when building or remodeling; as-

sistance in finding and pledging the highest type boys.

But the alumni are not always on call. Actives are graduated and quickly lose contact with fraternity affairs. In most cases, however, they do retain their love for the fraternity, and are glad to be of service if given opportunity. Often they have slowed down somewhat in the ardent pursuit of their profession or business, and enjoy returning to the scenes of their boyhood, refreshing their memories of times past, and contributing to the improvement of things held dear. This is well illustrated by the number of farm-reared men, now residing in cities, who have purchased the old home farm, improved it, and are operating it as a hobby. Besides these older alumni are the ones most likely to have financial means with which to help the fraternity. Their incomes are often larger, and their personal obligations smaller due to children being self-supporting. Their life expectancy is not long, and they are thus more likely to be looking for worth-while ways of disposing of part of their possessions. As a group the older alumni have much to contribute to the fraternity, and both the national organization and the active chapters should find it well worth-while to cultivate their interest, as well as that of the more recent graduates.

### Causes of Loss of Interest

Before we can find out what can best be done to re-establish alumni interest, we must know the factors which contribute to loss of such interest. There follow some of the contributing causes which have come to my attention:

1. Loss of personal contact with the active chapter, an organized alumni group, and the national fraternity.
2. Lack of news of interesting events regarding the chapter, other alumni, the national fraternity, or fraternities in general. Time tends to erase memories unless these are refreshed.
3. Alumni do not know the actives, hence have no personal interest in them.
4. Alumni often feel lost when visiting the chapter house.
5. Do not know the problems of the chapter, hence can take no great interest in them.
6. The distance between an alumnus and an active chapter, especially his home chapter, prevents frequent visits.

7. Do not attend annual banquets because of distance, not receiving notice, not being notified in time, uninteresting programs, smutty jokes, drinking, expense, or other reasons.

8. Not invited to visit the chapter house on occasions throughout the year.

9. Rebuffs by the active chapters, such as failure to take in a son, relative, or friend; failure to extend invitations to events; failure to rush persons suggested; failure to answer letters satisfactorily, if at all; lack of attention on visits; failure to heed suggestions.

10. Does not feel that he gets his money's worth for contributions; the only times he hears from the chapter are requests for help; the chapter makes no effort to be of help to him in return.

11. Alumni affairs sometimes run by a few persons; others feel that they have no voice in what is being done; star chamber sessions held to decide things; offices and honors not passed around. (While it is recognized that some persons will not function actively if put in office, responsibility often causes a person, heretofore inactive, to live up to his responsibilities.)

12. A person's interest in an organization is often in proportion to what he puts into it. Unless he gives something of his time or money his interest lags.

13. High pressure measures to raise money are resented. Some alumni are not able to spare the cash; others resent insistence.

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14. Business and professional duties leave less time for outside interests.

15. Family responsibilities and interests require considerable time.

16. Other organizations tend to take the place of the fraternity in his life: such as civic clubs, fraternal orders, and professional societies.

### What the National Can Do

National officers occupy a strategic place in the fraternity organization, and are in position to exercise more influence than any other group in the promulgation of an alumni program. The following factors are the business of the national chapter.

1. Adopt a policy making the alumni a real constituent part of a going organization, both nationally and at local levels.

2. Make alumni feel that they are a vital part of the organization, and that their suggestions, attendance and contributions are not only welcome but much appreciated.

3. Make no regular charges for alumni dues, but have worth-while funds to which alumni are invited to contribute on a voluntary basis. Consider that repayment will be received through such contributions, and in assistance to active chapters, rather than by dues paid to the national.

4. Give appropriate and thorough recognition of all contributions received from alumni.

5. Organize or establish alumni chapters with joint functions with the active chapter, to assist nearby active chapters and the national organization.

6. Have a national alumni secretary who will spend practically all his time in visiting and stimulating alumni chapters; and who will keep in close touch with all alumni, whether members of alumni chapters or not.

7. Take steps to see that alumni chapters actually function, by giving them real responsibility, and instructions as to how best to proceed.

8. Get out a national manual on alumni chapter procedures, activities, and relationships.

9. Designate alumni as "associate" members (with dues paid up for life) thus having two classes of membership, active and associate. (Hereafter in this article the words "alumni" and "associate members" will be used interchangeably.)

10. Take steps to educate all members into the idea of joint membership and responsibility by the two classes of members. Break down the lines between the two groups. Give associates more voice in affairs, and make them feel their responsibility.

11. Call upon associate members to assist the national in various ways, such as contributing articles to publications, taking part in conventions, serving on committees, preparing special reports, and other ways in which they can be of service.

12. Require active chapters to contact all associate members in the "trade territory" of their

school at regular intervals, with a request for names of desirable freshmen planning to enroll at the college.

13. Require that active chapters secure recommendations from associate members acquainted with each rushee, before pledging is permitted.

14. Divide the country geographically, designating the normal "trade territory" of each active and alumni chapter. In some cases there will naturally be some overlapping between territories.

15. Keep the fraternity directory thoroughly up to date, and classified geographically.

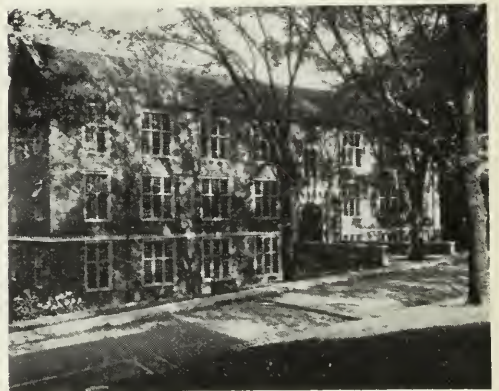
16. Install a system whereby active and associate chapters are automatically notified when a member from any chapter either moves into or out of their area.

17. National should avoid a policy of "penny wise and pound foolish" in administering the fraternity. Without tolerating extravagance or inefficiency, it should pursue a policy of sound investment of funds in the improvement of active and associate chapters and in membership relations. This may be called "vertical expansion."

18. Adopt a plan whereby all associate members will be kept informed of current fraternity affairs. Without this, it is impossible to maintain their active interest and support. In carrying out this policy three steps are desirable: (a) See that every alumnus, including those who were initiated prior to August, 1924, receives the fraternity publications. (b) Either establish a small current periodical, to be issued several times through the school year alternating with the JOURNAL; or issue the JOURNAL more often, if necessary with fewer pages per issue. (c) Insist that each active chapter, in co-operation with its associate members, get out a current newsletter. This should be sent to all alumni of that chapter wherever located, and to all other members of the fraternity in the chapter's territory.

19. Have annual contests between chapters for the best newsletters, with some worth-while prizes awarded the winners.

20. Follow an editorial policy which will cause the national publications to be read and enjoyed



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by alumni, inspire the readers with pride in membership, and awaken a desire to participate in the work of the organization. To do this: (a) The publications should have a page of appropriate size, readable type, columns not too wide, plenty of interesting illustrations, and attractive make-up. (b) The articles should be on subjects of vital interest to the membership, written in an interesting manner, and not be too long. Articles should not be on academic subjects, but deal with current and prospective problems of the alumni and active chapters.

21. Arrange for active and alumni chapters to receive copies of other fraternity journals, especially the journals of fraternities having local chapters. These are interesting and stimulating, and should be made more generally available to the membership.

22. See that active and alumni chapters receive regularly the respective interfraternity journals, and that these are passed around or made readily available.

23. See that all active and alumni chapters are made familiar with *Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities*; and that a copy of the latest edition is readily available for consultation.

24. Make copies of Proceedings of the Interfraternity Conference available to both active and alumni members.

25. Have each national officer of the fraternity visit as many active and alumni chapters as possible, for further understanding of each other's viewpoints.

26. Make the fraternity song book readily available to all alumni chapters.

27. Recognize the active chapters as the real foundation and seedbed of the fraternity, and concentrate on improving each chapter, utilizing the full strength of associate members for that purpose.

28. Encourage alumni in areas near potential new chapters to initiate and promote the organizations of such chapters.

29. Make it the national policy of the fraternity to accept sons and close relatives of alumni into membership, unless they are distinctly undesirable.

30. Work out plans to interest high school boys, especially those who are relatives of members, in the fraternity. (The Masonic Order does this through DeMolay; the churches through Sunday schools.)

31. Encourage all active chapters to have a housemother who will remain over a period of years, and who will thus be a tie which binds the older members with the present.

32. Keep check on the job being done by the housemother, and if she is not functioning properly arrange to secure a replacement.

33. Conduct periodic surveys of alumni opinion, to find out precisely what they want from the organization as a whole, as the price for fullest measure of regard and support. (a) Tell the story of the survey and its findings, and what is being done about it, to the alumni and actives to arouse

and maintain interest. (b) Establish minimum standards of performance by officers and chapters in alumni relations, to meet whatever situation is revealed by the survey. (c) Keep in touch with national and district officers, alumni and active chapters, to see that the alumni program is carried out and maintained.

### What Active Chapters Can Do

A sympathetic and co-operative attitude on the part of the active chapters is extremely important in the success of an alumni program. Since the active chapters are the greatest beneficiary under such program it is reasonable to expect their wholehearted support. Ways in which they can help follow:

1. Look upon the fraternity as a joint organization of active and associate members. Break down too sharp lines between the two groups.

2. Realize that present active members are in the position of trustees, responsible to the whole organization; that they have no right to destroy or injure what others before them have built; and that associate members have a just right to a voice in all important actions of the chapter.

3. Make associate members feel that their attendance on functions, their suggestions and their contributions are thoroughly appreciated.

4. Try to win the confidence and interest of any alumnus, whether of that chapter or any other, who is indifferent or feels that he has a grievance.

5. Make associate members feel that helping the active chapter is a thoroughly worth-while activity: making better citizens; raising their own standing; providing a good group for their sons; a home for visiting alumni; a pleasant environment and association for themselves and their families when visiting the institution.

6. Make the alumni proud of the chapter scholastically, in activities, and in athletics.

7. Make it a point for each active member to learn to know the alumni, and be able to call them by name. Make the alumni acquainted with the actives, so they will not feel like strangers when they visit the house.

8. Consult the alumni before taking important actions, and see that all suggestions are given careful consideration.

9. Call on associate members to do certain things not involving too much time or expense; including should be not only the alumni close to the chapter but those farther away.

10. Invite alumni to meet national and district officers, when they visit the active chapter.

11. Invite alumni to attend initiations; and make the ceremony really impressive.

12. Make the Founders' Day banquet an occasion worth attending. Arrange a good program, a tasty but inexpensive menu, and forbid the use of alcoholics and vulgarity.





At Tennessee Alpha "Meatfest"—Falkinberry, Robbins, Wilkerson, Black, and Hair, sink their teeth into turkey. Photo by Dick Welch.

13. Make each large athletic event an occasion to invite all alumni in the area to attend, and plan a get-together for them at the chapter house.

14. Feature commencements, and get members to return who have relatives of either sex being graduated. Then make their visit a pleasant one.

15. Feature the college homecoming. Invite all members in the area to return, and plan a reception at a particular hour with all members of the family invited.

16. Have a chapter homecoming each year, featuring particularly the members of certain classes.

17. Invite and encourage out-of-town alumni to come to the house for lunch occasionally, when in town.

18. Invite local alumni to lunch or dinner occasionally, and make them feel at home.

19. Maintain a spare bed for visiting alumni if feasible to do so; if not, arrange a plan to double up when alumni come, taking turn about in doing so.

20. Help visiting alumni find the things they need, such as living quarters, points of interest, old friends.

21. Hold an occasional open house for alumni, their wives and families.

22. Form a committee of local alumni to arrange programs and receive other alumni on special occasions.

23. Keep the house clean and attractive at all times, inside and out.

24. Develop a strong mothers' club, including nearby out-of-town mothers, and enlist their interest in providing for, and entertaining, the alumni and their families.

25. Get the wives of alumni interested in the chapter, as an aid in maintaining the interest of their husbands.

26. Get daughters of alumni, who are in college, interested in the chapter as an aid in maintaining the interests of their fathers.

27. Notify alumni of coming events in plenty

of time for them to schedule the occasion before something else is planned.

28. Include all members of the fraternity residing in the area, regardless of their chapter, when sending out invitations and announcements.

29. Maintain a thoroughly up-to-date directory of all members of that particular chapter plus all members from other chapters who are residing in that area.

30. Prepare and send out a well written, attractive, monthly newsletter. This paper should be edited jointly by the active and associate members; and should be sent not only to alumni of that chapter but to all members in the area.

31. Before the opening of each quarter send to each alumnus in the area, regardless of his chapter, a blank requesting: names of prospective students to be considered as rushees; information on members' activities, to be used in the chapter newsletter; names of alumni recently contacted; suggestions for the good of the order; plans for visiting the campus, or the town in which the college is located.

32. Before any rushee is pledged, secure data and recommendations on him from alumni who know him best.

33. Give careful consideration to all boys recommended by alumni for rushing.

34. Adopt a policy of pledging sons and near relatives of alumni, when recommended by them, unless there is good reason for not doing so.

35. Secure a good housemother who is liked by the boys, and who will likely remain with the chapter over a long period, as an aid in making alumni feel at home at the house.

### What Alumni Chapters Can Do

Alumni are busy people who do not want to waste their time. If their interest in the fraternity, and in attending meeting, is to be obtained and maintained it is necessary that they have something worth-while to do on all occasions. To that end the following procedures are suggested:

1. Elect officers who have the confidence of other alumni, and who will really work and be enthusiastic over helping the fraternity.

2. Make the terms of officers short. Pass around both the honors and the responsibilities.

3. Include the alumni of the entire area in the organization, and invite them to attend meetings when at all possible.

4. Keep the alumni directory up-to-date at all times, including members moving into the area from other parts of the country.

5. Make each associate member feel that the work of associate chapters is of vital importance and thoroughly worth-while, both from the standpoint of welfare of the boys and their own personal advantage.

6. See that all members of the alumni chapter

receive the national publications, and chapter news-letter, and have access to other fraternity publications.

7. Make associate chapter function as a real live part of the fraternity organization, with an interest in improving the national as well as local situations.

Assign members, in rotation, to perform various duties as officers of the alumni chapter. If a man does not function well, get the job done in a diplomatic way without antagonizing him.

9. When an associate chapter is organized, programs of two types should be adopted: (a) A long-term program, covering a period of five years or more. (b) A program of work for the current year.

10. In inaugurating the annual program, a calendar of meetings should be made and published, and committees appointed which will be responsible for developing each project.

Special effort should be made to secure a good attendance at all meetings. The following procedures are suggested as being helpful in this respect:

1. Give as many members as possible something definite to do at each meeting.
2. Rotate the offices, committee chairmanships, and other positions of responsibility.
3. Choose dates and hours carefully, to avoid conflicts with other duties of members.
4. Choose convenient or interesting places at which to hold meetings.
5. Send reminder cards ten days before each meeting. Send clever announcements.
6. Arrange for some members to take others to the meetings, when convenient to do so.
7. Get a friend or classmate to telephone each member before meetings.
8. Concentrate upon a certain age-group for each meeting. Let them put on the program and get out their contemporaries for the occasion.
9. Make all meetings short, and to the point.
10. Do not bring embarrassing high pressure to bear on any member, for either money or service.
11. Avoid the following unpopular procedures: scolding; angry disputes; long-winded speeches; running things by cliques; cut and dried decisions or elections; expensive dues.
12. Give particular attention to any alumnus who is disgruntled or disinterested.

The following activities might well be considered by an associate chapter in making up its long-time and annual programs:

1. Sponsor thorough acquaintanceship and good understanding between actives and alumni. Lack of this sometimes leads to criticism which is not deserved.
2. Feature certain events, like homecoming, commencement, athletic events, annual banquets, and initiations. On such occasions hold a joint



On a visit to Pennsylvania Epsilon, George E. Wolf, New York Gamma, '48 (third from left), chats with Bill Nordt, Steve McElroy, '44, Tom Wallace, '42, and Dick Homiller, '40, in front of chapter house at Lehigh.

open house with the actives, and get outlying alumni to attend.

3. Sponsor an endowment fund for the benefit of the active chapter, to be used for purposes most needed.

4. Give a scholarship achievement cup or plaque for individual members of the active chapter.

5. Sponsor a scholarship cup to be awarded to the chapter in the district with the highest standing.

6. Sponsor other competition between the chapters of the district.

7. Award a prize or fellowship each year to the best high school senior boy, in some respect, this to be awarded at the high school commencement.

8. Award a prize or fellowship each year to the best freshman boy, in some respect, this to be awarded at the college commencement.

9. Sponsor contests among students of the college, both boys and girls, with prizes or awards offered for those chosen.

10. See that extracurricular activities of active chapters are well organized, and that they function smoothly. On many campuses a few chapters consistently win nearly all the contests. Why? Put the active chapter in that winning class.

11. Have a publicity committee to make known the good things being done by the active chapter and its various members: in colleges and city newspapers; send notices of activities of members to their local papers, mentioning that they are Sig Eps (like the Army practice).

12. Join with active chapter in assuming responsibility for, and support of, a strong fraternity. Recognize that all members are equally interested; that the active chapter is the seedbed for growing new members, and unless it functions well the crop will be poor.

13. Assign alumni members to co-operate with actives in nearly all activities—make it a joint effort.

14. Do not allow any of the alumni to become satisfied with conditions of the active chapter. Keep worth-while improvements always before the group for action.



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### **Hey, Songwriters!**

THE Central Office is making plans for the publication of a new book of Sigma Phi Epsilon songs, some old and some new, and would like any members who have written songs to submit them for possible inclusion in the new volume.

It would be very nice to receive at least one effort from every chapter, although the excellence of the various manuscripts submitted will determine whether or not a song is to be included.

Therefore, come one and come all, you sweet and soft tinpan alley hep-cats, come sweet and come loud, come plain and come fancy!

All manuscripts should be received by the Central Office, 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, Va.

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15. Co-operate vigorously with actives in preparation for, and during, rushing.

16. Keep in touch with high school students, and recommend good boys for rushing. Also be ready to supply information on boys suggested by others or by members of the active chapter.

17. Make plans for securing a better house for the active chapter or to finish paying for the present house.

18. Plan improvements for the chapter house, such as additions, rearrangements of interiors, redecoration.

19. Arrange for better furnishings for the chapter house, through purchasing at wholesale or by donations.

20. Assist in buying food to best advantage.

21. Supply technical advice when needed on building, decorating, landscaping, insurance, finance, legal questions.

22. Install a good accounting system; help audit the accounts.

23. Have a capable committee to handle investment of funds for the active chapter.

24. Assist in locating and employing a suitable housemother.

25. Co-operate with active chapter in getting out a live monthly newsletter, both by helping write the text and by supplying mimeograph, multilith, and addressograph machines.

26. Elect an adviser for the active chapter, who will serve as liaison officer between the active and alumni chapters, a very important office.

27. Co-operate with other alumni chapters of the district in electing a district governor, who should serve as liaison officer between all active and alumni chapters in the district.

28. Assist in developing and improving new chapters in the area.

29. Provide the active chapter with original ideas for use in: Decorating exterior of house, in contest periods; building animals for a circus, if one is held; stunts for a carnival, if one is held; rushing freshmen; giving parties; getting out invitations.

30. Serve as chaperons at parties given by active chapter.

31. Enlist the interest of wives of alumni to aid in this: Sponsor an open house and other occasions when families of alumni will participate; have one or more annual meetings of the alumni chapter to which wives are invited.

32. Send alumni news and directory data regularly to the national office.

33. Provide the active chapter with orchestral arrangements of fraternity songs, for use at formal dances.

34. Invite actives from out-of-town to the homes of alumni occasionally, for some "home cooking."

The national organization should take the lead in initiating the program and in carrying it out. With full-time paid employees, authority, publications, and opportunities for widespread personal contacts, national is strategically situated for this purpose.

National should arrange for a full-time alumni secretary, who will spend much of his time in the field. Also, the national publications should be made available to all alumni and be made of vital interest to alumni.

The publication of an interesting newsletter by each active chapter and its alumni group should be promoted.

The fraternity directory must be kept up to date.

Organization and improvement of associate chapters should be effected. A survey of alumni opinion, desires, and needs should be planned and conducted.

These, I am certain, are indispensable initial steps.

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★ ★ *When will we learn that integration is not achieved by artificially uniting bodies of subject matter but by a teacher who out of the demands of his own personal living has already integrated his own knowledge? A good English teacher simply cannot teach only English.*—GEORGE L. HENRY in *The English Journal*.

# RUCK COMES TO RICHMOND

Frank Ruck, Jr., Michigan Alpha, '46, specialist in chapter finances, is Fraternity's newest Field Secretary, and will work mostly in the Midwest.

**F**RANK RUCK, JR., third Sigma Phi Epsilon field secretary, comes to his job voicing a word of caution. "In the next few years numbers will not be a problem and the money will flow into the chapter comptroller's hands. With nothing to worry about chapters are bound to be careless. The larger the revenues the more careful a chapter must be. The hard times take care of themselves."

Thus speaks this recent 21-year-old graduate of the University of Michigan where he served as a rehabilitation hero for his chapter, first as social chairman and then as comptroller.

By actual practice he seems to have found, even as did the Sig Eps of Purdue, that to have a brotherhood that is successful a fraternity must be a going concern. If a chapter cannot meet its financial obligations, then the men of the chapter lack faith and the capacity to co-operate, and the group really isn't worth much.

Like Ted Bush, Field Secretary Number 2, Frank Ruck was commissioned an ensign, but the war ended before he could be given active duty and November last year found him back in business school at Michigan where he received his bachelor's degree in June.

Michigan as an alma mater was of the Navy's choosing and not Ruck's, nor would Frank of his own accord have picked a comptrollership of a house made up of Navy students and independents, few of whom acted as though they knew where they were going to stay put for more than a week.



Sig Ep Field Secretary Frank Ruck, Jr., newest and youngest member of C. O. staff.

When Frank completed Lane Technical High School in Chicago in June, 1943, which he did with a 93 average, the 25th in a class of 900, he had little time to think of going to college. For on July 1, the Navy called him and he entered the University of Notre Dame in the V-12 program.

After two semesters he was transferred into the supply corps and also to the University of Michigan for further training in the School of Business Administration. After four semesters, V-12 training was completed. On July 1, 1945, he was ordered to premidshipman school in Bayonne, N.J. The war ended as he received his commission and he was placed on inactive duty. November, 1945, found him back at Michigan where he remained until commencement the following June.

"In my first year of college in the Navy," Frank declares, "my activities were practically nil. Upon arriving at the University





PLEDGE WHAT FRATERNITY-?  
AIN'T THIS THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK ?

of Michigan the setback in my activities ended. I pledged Sig Ep. My pledgeship was unusually long for those days and due to the small number of actives I was made social chairman. I remained in this capacity after I was initiated, August 25, 1944, until November when I was appointed comptroller. Because most of us were in the Navy and not permitted to live off campus we were forced to fill the house with independents. I had a very difficult time; at least we still had our house. In November the tide began to turn and we, Michigan Alpha, became once again a going concern."

Another activity of Ruck's at Michigan was with the Men's Union, where he spent one term as vice-president on the board of directors.

After a period of Sig Ep traveling, Frank plans to go on for his Master's, though he has not decided the field of his graduate work. Right now he knows only that he enjoys people and wants to meet many of them, and that he wants to travel because it widens one's views and is educational.

Frank says he has no specific hobbies, though he enjoys music and collects as many records, classical and popular, as he can.

Like Ray McCron, Field Secretary Number 1, Frank Ruck is blond in coloring but is shorter than Ray, being some five feet eight inches tall and weighing 155 pounds.

The first of four children, he was born June 5, 1925, in Chicago, where, as he grew older, he began to acquire practical experience in his father's retail meat store, working after school and Saturdays for two years. Due to illness he left the store which was too damp for his health.

He had joined the Boy Scouts at the age of thirteen and received his Eagle Badge when fifteen, becoming an assistant scoutmaster. With this background he went to work for Wieboldts Department store as a salesman specializing in Boy Scout equipment. The following summer he was employed by the Wilson Y.M.C.A. at their summer camp, Pinewood, as a counselor, instructing camp craft classes and as counselor for eight boys. Upon return to Chicago he resumed work for his father and finished apprenticeship as a meat cutter. Then the Navy called.

Ruck began his job as Field Secretary on the very day that the Executive Committee meeting opened in Tulsa, Okla.—August 12—so he has had a chance to become fairly acquainted with the men who govern fraternity policies. He is confident that he is capable of accomplishing the desired results. Life at the University was one almost completely devoted to the house on Hill and State Streets. His heart has and will continue to be very close to our brotherhood.

Frank feels that Sigma Phi Epsilon officially still must have a lot to offer men if it is to progress toward the ideals upon which it was founded. Most of us all too often tend to forget those goals and fall by the wayside. "It must always be remembered," Ruck declares, "that fraternal life gives us something no one can ever take away. How much it gives us depends on how much is given."

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★ ★ *Friendship either finds or makes equals. . . . Adversity shows whether we have friends, or only the shadows of friends. . . . The loss of a friend is the greatest of losses.*—PUBLIUS SYRUS.

# U.S.C. INITIATES EDWARD ARNOLD

After a six-year pledgeship, the men of a soundly rebuilt California Beta induct Bill Arnold's dad, well-known movie actor, as an honorary member.

**W**HEN Edward Arnold, well-known movie actor, father of California Beta's Bill Arnold, walked into the U. of S. C. Sig Ep house on September 15, he was the leading player in a ceremony for which he had waited six years—that of induction into Sigma Phi Epsilon as an honorary member.

It began one day in 1940 when Bill Arnold on behalf of California Beta men had placed a pledge button on his dad's lapel. Then the war came. Pearl Harbor. The enlistment of patriotic young Americans. In 1941 Bill Arnold was the first man of California Beta to sign up with Uncle Sam.

Edward Arnold wore his pledge button and waited. The Sig Eps gave up their house as the men kept marching off to the colors. Then by and by they began to return, at first singly, then in groups. At last, by September 15, 1946, California Beta had rebuilt a proud chapter—one of the best.

On this night of initiation, the ceremony was conducted by the president of the University men's student body—chapter president Joe Holt. Assisting him were John Davis, president of Squires (local service honorary), Phil Burton, president of Blue Key, and Gordon Gray, one of U.S.C.'s most stellar halfbacks in many years. Also on hand was the Fraternity's new grand president, Robert L. Ryan, California Alpha. Brother Arnold in a short address of acceptance declared: "Of all the cups and keys to cities that I have ever received, I shall prize this badge more than any other and shall always wear it."



Grand President Robert L. Ryan fastens Sig Ep recognition pin to lapel of Honorary Initiate Edward Arnold, noted movie actor, as Gordon Gray, All-Coast halfback, also a member, smiles approval.



Edward Arnold, honorarily initiated by California Beta, September 15, poses with fellow initiates (front, left to right) Constantus, Van Buren, Sullivan, Reno, Kuhn, Howe, Joe Arnold; back, McCoy, Clower, Hall, E. Arnold, Rosso, Hand, Valaer.

Chapter President Joseph F. Holt, III, cuts cake at initiation dinner. Photos taken by Walter Stiles.







Reuben G. Gustavson, recently dean at University of Chicago, now president at Nebraska.

## CHANCELLOR AT NEBRASKA

Dr. Reuben Gustavson, Colorado Beta, leaves dean of faculties chair at the University of Chicago to head another great midwestern university.

**D**R. REUBEN G. GUSTAVSON, the University of Nebraska's new Chancellor, has returned to a Sig Ep campus, and a busy one. He became a Sig Ep at the University of Denver before the first World War.

Appointed to the post (the same as that of president) by the board of Regents in May, 1946, he assumed his duties in the Chancellor's office on the campus in Lincoln early in August. He came directly from the University of Chicago where since last

year he has been vice-president and dean of the faculties.

Anything but the pompous type of college administrator, Dr. Gustavson is chiefly a scientist—in particular, a biochemist, in which field terms mean something and are not to be bandied about.

It is an interesting angle that last spring Nebraska's new head was offered the chairmanship of the civilian atomic energy commission but after considering the matter decided to "keep his appointment with Nebraska."

Dr. Gustavson served on the national educational committee for the Navy V-12 program and was a liaison officer between the University of Chicago atomic bomb project and the U. S. Army. He also was a director of one of the high altitude physiological research projects during the war for the Office of Research and Development.

He is internationally known for research in biochemistry, especially in connection with glands for internal secretion. In 1930 he was a delegate to the second international congress for glandular research in London. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, among them the Phi Lambda Upsilon Prize in Analytical Chemistry, the Melzer Award in Research, an honorary fellowship in the Chicago Gynecological Society, and the Norlin Medal for distinguished service. He has published studies concerning sex hormones and is joint author of *Sex and Internal Secretion* and of *Glandular Physiology and Therapy*.

One of his more recent appointments is to the council of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, headed by Basil O'Connor, New Hampshire Alpha, '12.

But to direct the affairs of a great midwestern university during the busiest period in its history is a stupendous task and one which is not likely to give Dr. Gustavson as much time for his research activities as formerly.

Nebraska's enrollment, in normal times approximately 8,000, now threatens to double that figure and easily could if space and teaching personnel were available.

Nebraska has, besides the liberal arts college, schools of agriculture (this is at Curtis, Neb.), engineering, law, education, medi-

cine (at Omaha), dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, journalism, and music.

Born in Denver, April 6, 1892, Dr. Gustavson received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Denver in 1916 and 1917, respectively, his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1925. He is the recipient of three honorary degrees: D.Sc. from Regis College, Denver, in 1936; and L.H.D. from the University of Denver in 1944; and a D.Sc. from James Millikin University in 1946.

He was an instructor of chemistry in 1917-18, assistant professor 1918-19 and associate professor 1919-20, all at the Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado; assistant professor of chemistry 1920-21, associate professor 1921-27, and professor, 1927-37, at the University of Denver; professor of chemistry and head of the Department of Chemistry, 1937-43, at the University of Colorado; Dean of the Graduate School, University of Colorado, 1942-43; and president of the University of Colorado, 1943-45.

He was a visiting professor of chemistry

at the University of Chicago from 1929 to 1930.

Dr. Gustavson is a member of the following professional societies: American Chemical Society, Society for the Study of Experimental Medicine and Biology, Associate member of the American Medical Society, Svensk Kemist Samfundet, American Federation of Biochemists, and for many years was a member of the American Association of University Professors.

He is a member of the following honorary societies: Phi Lambda Upsilon, Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, Chicago Gynecological Society (Honorary Fellow). He is a member of the following clubs: Teknik, Antithesis, and Cactus.

Dr. Gustavson is married to the former Edna Marie Carlson of Omaha and they have two children—a married daughter who lives in Summit, N.J., and a son in the pre-med course at the University of Denver.

The men in the overcrowded Sig Ep house at 601 North 16th Street in Lincoln probably won't be expecting him to visit them for a little while.



Dr. Gustavson (left) studies an experimental corn plot at the University of Nebraska Ag. College.





Dean SeBoyar at his Washington Square office.

# DOC SEBOYAR NEW NYU DEAN

**By George E. Wolf**

The beloved adviser and inspirer of Washington Square Sig Eps for more than two decades becomes assistant dean of University's business school.

**E**ARLIEST memories of Washington Square cherished by N.Y.U. Sig Eps are those of "Doc," as Dean Gerald E. SeBoyar is affectionately known by his New York Gamma brothers. Down the years, every semester he has introduced rushees to fraternities in general and to Sigma Phi Epsilon in particular. Rush smokers at New York Gamma wouldn't be worthy of the name without Doc SeBoyar.

His service to the chapter does not end with the final smoker, but continues steadily

forward through pledging and all chapter operations and problems that are brought to him for counsel.

Doc was the bellwether of the small flock which brought New York Gamma back to active life in the summer of 1945, after two years of wartime silence, and he had a firm hand on the tiller while guiding the chapter through its first postwar year.

Hence N.Y. Gammans have been excessively jubilant ever since August 28 when Doc was appointed assistant dean of the School of Commerce, Accounts, and Finance of New York University. The appointment was announced on that day by Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase.

In welcoming Dean SeBoyar as a new member to the administrative faculty of the school, Dean John T. Madden said: "This recognition by Chancellor Chase of the unselfish service rendered by Dr. SeBoyar to our students during two and a half decades will meet with universal approval from students, alumni, and faculty alike. It will be especially applauded by the thousands of veterans he has aided in the transition from civilian life to military service and now in the transition back to civilian pursuits."

As chairman of the Committee on Withdrawal of Students for Military Service, and adviser on scholastic standing to Veteran's Administration Trainees, Dean SeBoyar conferred with over 5,000 students who left the School of Commerce for the armed services, and he is now advising them on their educational problems as they return to college.

Brother SeBoyar also held many other administrative and scholastic positions on the staff of the School, in addition to his professional duties, including the chairmanship of the Committee on Scholastic Standing, the chairmanship of the Committee on Supervision of Examinations, and the School of Commerce representative in the University Senate.

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## ***It's an Idea!***

Walter White and George E. Wolf, New York Gamma actives, used motion pictures of chapter events to introduce the chapter to fall rushees, continuing plans made in 1942 for a chapter film library.



Dean SeBoyar (seated) with Sig Eps (left to right) Robert Leunig, Joseph Otto, Angelo Clemente, and Philip Spina. A source of inspiration to all, the Dean is No. 1 initiate of New York Gamma.

He joined the faculty of New York University in 1920, after instructing in English in the College of Wooser, Wooster, Ohio, from 1917 to 1918, and in the University of Texas from 1919 to 1920. Beginning his career in the School of Commerce as an instructor in business English, he is now a full professor of general literature, and heads the General Courses Group.

Born in Purdy Station, N.Y., in 1893, Dean SeBoyar was educated in the elementary and high school of White Plains, N.Y. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1913, and his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1917. During World War I, he served with the A.E.F. in France as a sergeant with the Provost Marshal.

He has written numerous books on literature, which include *Readings in English and American Literature*, *Readings in European Literature*, co-author with R. F. Brosius, and *Handbook of the Bible*.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, the Yale Club, American Association of University Professors, National Council of Teachers of English, and editor of the *Society for the Libraries Bulletin*. Initiated into New York Gamma on June 7, 1930, he is the first initiate on the

chapter roll. He lives at 101 Church Street, White Plains, N.Y.

The most vivid remembrance of our Fraternity held by me as I departed for war service, was of Doc SeBoyar, when, in a farewell address to the brothers in June, 1942, he said: "There are two things to remember when you are in service. First, don't complain about what you have to do, and second, don't believe the rumors you hear." You don't get better advice than that.



Group of New York Gamma actives at reunion on Washington Square, August 10.





Question: What should every good fraternity house have? Answer: A library like this, which is the proud possession of Massachusetts Beta, Worcester Polytech. The man with the book is Ted Majka.

# NEW MINDS AND OLD BOOKS

By John Robson

A prescription of "mind-opening" books, an eternal armory of wisdom, as an indispensable requirement of our really topnotch chapter houses.

**I**MMORTAL books, if they are wooed while red blood still nourishes a man's brain, become the beloved companions of the soul when youth has departed. Yet it is only long after the chief opportunities of cultural self-improvement have passed that a man usually begins to miss the helpful, friendly library he should have acquired.

Tell an adventurer setting out on an extended trek into the wilds to take with him adequate imperishable rations and such

equipment as will render him a decisive master over precarious environment, and he will know what you mean. The common sense involved in physical objects like food, clothing, weapons, and a first-aid kit is easily recognizable. But cultural calories are not easily counted and as a consequence aids to enlightenment and the manufacture of wisdom are too often shunned.

In a few instances, such as at Worcester Polytech, there are libraries in Sig Ep chapter houses that hold volumes containing genuine sparkle, and here the boys develop wholesome respect for small libraries as an institution, so that, once away from the campus, some of them will be sufficiently impelled to build their own.

But by library is not meant a catch-all repository of "refugee" tomes—books which others have discarded as worthless, such, for example, as small, cheap dictionaries, wretchedly made editions of Wilkie Collins and Lord Bulwer-Lytton, Motley's *Rise of the Dutch Republic*, The World Almanac edition of 1927, a pre-Civil War edition of Chambers' *Book of Days*, List of Service Men in the Spanish-American War from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the like. Most young men of open mind are willing to give a library a chance, but if it should fail in a

fair test on the grounds of its being factless and dull, then it is worse than no library, for the person who fruitlessly consults it will quickly develop a likely suspicion of all printed matter save newspapers, popular magazines, bawdy jokebooks, and the compulsory texts of his college courses.

If a group of the boys chance to be arguing the relative merits of the paintings of Rembrandt and Leonardo, for example, then it is fitting that curiosity be rewarded by the simple lore about paintings and painters that can be found, say, in the inestimable one-volume *Columbia Encyclopedia*. Similarly with queries concerning facts in elementary reference works such as an *Atlas* (with gazetteer), *Burton Stevenson's* or *Bartlett's* or *Mencken's* book of quotations, a *Bible* (with concordance), a new dictionary (a new, abridged edition such as the latest *Merriam-Webster Collegiate* is more to be trusted than an old unabridged one), also an anthology of the best-known poems of the English language, the current *World Almanac*, *Bulfinch's Mythology*, and *Who's Who in America*.

Serious-minded young men interested in improving intellectual efficiency can form better critical powers to sweep away bias by properly reading vital books. Occasionally a man already in or beyond his middle years will stumble upon some time-worn book and exclaim, "Why has no one told me that this book exists? It makes me see the whole pattern of life and civilization much more

clearly!" Perhaps adding, "Man, what I've missed! Are there other books like this?"

All men have prejudices. College professors, far from being immune, are notoriously susceptible. They have a disproportionately large influence on the formative minds of youthful students who have not learned to be wary; only at rare times do they urge their impressionable disciples to avoid conviction on controversial issues. Mostly they expect them faithfully to acquire the prejudices they themselves have.

In this respect books serve much better. One night a man may read Charles M. Sheldon's *In His Steps*, dealing with the inspiration of Christ, and, on the next, Thomas Paine's *The Age of Reason*. Notwithstanding the grim iconoclasm of the latter, an unsparing "examination" of the Holy Scriptures, it is probably one of the most effective cobweb-clearers and prejudice exterminators in our language. Paine's *Common Sense* is believed to have exerted more influence than any other instrument in effecting in 1776 the American Declaration of Independence. He was a provocative writer, the Revolutionary patriots' H. L. Mencken, equally colorful but constantly enraged, rather than entertained, by man's stupidities, and hence dead serious. And he had a genius for honesty, an art which has dwindled to the point of extinction.

Obviously in a civilization which is influenced in the right direction or the wrong by a minority of individuals it is desirable

Another view of the Massachusetts Beta library; brother at left with magazine is Ben Richter, the other brother is Majka again. Note binder on magazine. Room's sole purpose is as library.





to convert a majority of college graduates, at least, into straight-thinking citizens who, having a developed power for individual thought, can recognize an *ism* as a bogus thing. Mass-thinking is harmful thinking; only individual thinking can be constructive.

Those sophomores in English are lucky who are told that there is far and away more basic grist for thought in Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* than in the combined harvest of all the American poets who preceded him, not even excepting Emerson, a writer of poetry, surely, but immortal as a philosophical essayist. Both men were profoundly considerate of the welfare of the enduring soul of man. An edition of Emerson's chaotically organized essays belongs on the shelf beside Whitman.

Paine, Whitman, and Emerson possessed open minds to an almost incredible degree. These three men seemed, in a long perspective, far ahead of their times, not because they actually were, but because the most articulate among their respective contemporaries were actually benighted. They did have a conspicuous prejudice, and that in common; *viz.*, a contempt for ossified credos of past ages.

The sophomore ought also to be warned that if the idleness of uselessness is as culpable as the sages warn, then every professor of nineteenth century literature will roast in hell.

According to the renowned biologist, Julian Huxley, the most effective way to accumulate useful ideas is to doubt the validity of all men's ideas and to maintain a constant discredit of established categories. Huxley says it is a bewildering paradox that a man should be able to acquire the most realistic and best-proportioned knowledge of vital affairs of the universe only when he rejects belief of nearly everything that men and men's books try to tell him, reserving conviction on semi-facts and theories. The paradox evaporates, of course, when it is seen that a competent open mind is worth more than nine hundred and ninety-nine realistic segments, since even the most axiomatic among realistic facts are but relatively negligible bits of the whole and are as good as isolated and useless

without the perspective of the open mind.

Complete perspective and a sense of proportion are of first importance. Together they are the real key to wisdom. Prejudiced writers ignore both. We Occidentals who recommend the Holy Bible to our young people as a great rulebook for living do a right thing, to be sure, but it ought also to be said that if we are to consider all the peoples of the world as having emanated from one drop of blood—really and truly an urgent consideration in our shrinking world—we should encourage young people to read also the Koran of the Mohammedans, the Dhammapada of the Buddhists, the aphorisms of Confucius and the Book of Tao of the Chinese, the Upanishads of the Brahmans, and the Avesta of Zoroastrianism. Moreover, it is refreshing to discover that the genuine common denominator of all of these is to be found also in the Holy Bible.

Contrary to what is held in some quarters, these writings are, by and large, quite the opposite of dull and out of date. Indeed, the answer of Chuangtse, Chinese philosopher of three centuries before Christ, to bureaucracy, will surely have its point three centuries after today. It is: "A pheasant of the marshes may have to go ten steps to get a peck, a hundred to get a drink. Yet pheasants do not want to be fed in a cage. For although they might have less worries, they would not like it." Such wisdom is timeless.

In any case, a taste of these writings will disclose to many who think otherwise that the fathers of our country no more had exclusive patent rights to the machinery which locomotes the Declaration and the Constitution than was Christ's the first copyrightable edition of the Golden Rule. The Chinese and the Greeks have probably made more of them both (indeed, probably too much) than America has thus far or will for some time.

Perhaps the kind of library that young men in college should have access to is a library with "oomph." It will thus teach them that books can be lively companions. Literature does not have to be new to be lively. "The Death of Socrates" by Plato is an extraordinarily nutritious gem and a



Library scene at Indiana Alpha house. Well, there are books, and that's something.

profoundly vital lesson-piece for all humanity. Cicero's *De Officiis* is by almost any standards delightful. For the cobwebs it sweeps from the mind, Mazzini's essay, "On Caesarism," is worth all of Lamb, Hunt, and Hazlitt put together.

Yet they must be well-balanced shelves. A worthy novel, for example, makes a more effective appeal to man's soul than any other type of book, perhaps not even excepting poetry or drama.

The library builder might pick for a nucleus of Russian novels Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov* and *Crime and Punishment*, Tolstoy's *War and Peace*. Through these the reader learns the essential character of Russians, and he is bound to come to love them as a noble people and to foresee for them a well-balanced destiny. As French novels, Rolland's *Jean-Christophe*, France's *The Crime of Sylvestre Bonnard* and Penguin Island, Zola's *Nana*, Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* (they go far towards explaining why history has dealt with France as it has); as English novels, Maugham's *Of Human Bondage*, *The Moon and Sixpence*, Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Hudson's *Green Mansions*; in Germany, Goethe's *Wilhelm Meister*, *The Sorrows of Werther* and Mann's *The Magic Mountain* and the Joseph books; and, in America, the four long novels of Thomas Wolfe, which reveal that America is far less orderly than supposed.

There are many vital fields possible of considerable illumination through one or two

key books in each. For example colleges have always seemed to neglect young men's education with respect to the causes of war, notwithstanding that the first requisite of an orderly, happy life is to get along with one's neighbors. The treatise by Hugo Grotius, *De Jure Belli ac Pacis*, is regarded as a genuinely basic work on war, yet students, save those in international law courses, never hear of it, while only a few professors know it. Ferrero's *Peace and War* is instructive and easy to read. Carlyle's *History of the French Revolution* is informative and stimulating as is Fay's incomparable *Origins of the World War*. It is possible to tell a great deal about the foundational temper of America from such books as Parrington's *Main Currents of American Thought* and Frederick Lewis Allen's less pretentious *Only Yesterday*. Carlyle's *Past and Present* is an eye-opening introduction to the problems of the common man pitted against harshly administered economic law, in any age.

Indeed, the books that are "mind-openers" belong to the most accessible shelf. The philosophy of Spinoza, or a great deal of it, is easy to read and understand; it is built on bedrock and vitiates prejudice. A book little known today that would add to the enlightenment of many who have constant faith in our universe and the peculiar civilization it incubates is Liberty Hyde Bailey's *The Holy Earth*. It is doubtful whether any writer has ever so forcefully yet so gracefully controverted Charles Darwin. Virtually all of Mencken's books are "mind-openers." The successive series of *Prejudices* are excellent as are *Treatise on Right and Wrong*, *Treatise on the Gods*, and *Notes on Democracy*. Tolstoy's *My Confession* is also in this category.

Finally, as has been stated, the writings of the American patriot, Thomas Paine, are unsurpassed. Perhaps the valid conclusion to be drawn from a work like Paine's *The Age of Reason* is not that all religious literature, and hence theologies, are buncombe, but that the Word of God never has, and never shall be faithfully transcribable by any human medium; its truest language is that of the soul, which has no tongue.





Paul Amundson, guest on air cruise.

# PAN-AMERICAN TRAVELOGUE

By Paul Amundson

One of Boston's leading attorneys gives his impressions of the scenery, cities, beaches, food, and culture of our South American neighbors.

**N**ow that the war is over, and holidays and relaxation and the princely pastime of travel are becoming fashionable again, at least one Sig Ep has availed himself of the gypsy trend in a big way. He is Paul

Amundson, Wisconsin Alpha, '14, well-known Boston attorney, who was a passenger on Pan American Airways' first post-war air cruise to South America.

The two-month cruise embraced January and February, 1946, and on March 25, Paul Amundson having returned to Miami, Fla., forthwith dictated glimpses of his travels to his secretary, which he circulated in a 3,500-word mimeographed newsletter among his friends. Arranged topically, here are some highlights:

## Scenery

The lake country of Chile and Argentina has everything, in the way of scenery—I believe it has the greatest variety of scenery in one section that exists anywhere in the world. Parts of it reminded me of almost every place that I have ever been. Part of it was just like going up through the fjords of Norway—some of it was like the scenery on the inland passage on the Pacific Coast, from Seattle to Alaska. Other parts resembled the Canadian Rockies and our own American Rockies in our several Western states. In fact, the Chilean lake country is a combination of Switzerland, Alaska, Norway, the lake regions of Italy and about any other place that any of us have ever visited. . . .

In Guatemala, we went on a most interesting trip to Chichicastenango, out in the Guatemala Mountains, a couple of hundred miles from Guatemala City. The scenery on the trip is as varied and as beautiful as could be desired; there is one place on the mountain road where you can see eight volcanos and mountain ranges at one time. We were at that point around sunset, which added greatly to the effect. This mountain auto road took fifteen years to build and represented a real engineering triumph. One of the lakes we saw on the trip was Lake Atitlan, which is a grand sight, reminding one of the Lake Como in Italy. . . .

The airplane trip down the West Coast of South America gets pretty monotonous. There is a strip along the coast of Peru and Chile which is nothing but a mountainous desert, almost hideous to behold. This stretch of desert is about 50 miles wide and over 3,000 miles long—longer than the distance between New York City and Los Angeles. . . .

## Cities

Montevideo is an amazing city, with the most beautiful white building everywhere, beautiful parks and country clubs, and numerous wonderful bathing beaches close to the city. Montevideo is the cleanest big city I have ever seen. Buildings in Montevideo that were put up 15 to 20 years ago look almost as white as if they had been erected yesterday. The city has a law requiring a device to be attached above the chimneys to absorb the soot. Boston and many other North American cities could learn much from Montevideo in cleanliness. . . .

São Paulo is a large, modern city, with about a million and a half population, the coffee capital of the world, having a more mushroomed development than the other South American cities. . . .

Flying into the Rio harbor is a thrilling experience. Rio claims to have the most beautiful harbor in the world and I cannot say otherwise; it would take some extravagant adjectives. Laid out differently than most of the other South American cities, it covers a great deal of territory. Nature has done a wonderful job for Rio, but I am not sure man has improved the place.

Valparaiso is one of the oldest-appearing cities in South America. It is not particularly attractive, but is probably closer to representing the real South America than the newer and flashier cities over on the East Coast. Valparaiso is located on hills overlooking the ocean and is a great shipping center—it does a surprising amount of maritime business, considering its extremely inadequate docking facilities. . . .

The people of Chile look very much like the inhabitants of any of our North American cities. There are some very fine shops in Santiago, but there were many stores that seemed to handle a greater variety of articles than some of our North American drug stores like Liggett's and Walgreen's. . . .

Buenos Aires is a thoroughly modern and up-to-date city. Its layout is much like that of any of our large North American cities. As a matter of fact, most of the big South American cities are quite similar to our own, except as to the almost universal red tile roofs in South America. Buenos



"World's most beautiful harbor," Rio de Janeiro.

Aires has a population about the size of Philadelphia. . . .

Santiago is a large, modern up-to-date city, with fine buildings, elaborate government structures and public parks galore. It was interesting to note that Santiago has built an underground parking place in the middle of town underneath one of the parks—some of our own cities like Boston, which need city parking places so badly, could learn from Santiago and other South American cities. We North Americans are inclined to think we have a monopoly on everything—that is one of the best reasons for taking a trip around South America. . . .

## Hotels and Resorts

The O'Higgins at Viña del Mar, out from Santiago and Valparaiso, is probably the best known hotel in South America. . . . I found the fine Hotel Nacional, the largest in the tropics, packed to overflowing, the prices outrageously high, and the management fully as independent as any hotel

The Hippodromo Nacional in Buenos Aires.







Statue, "Christ of the Andes," situated in Uspallata Pass between Chile and Argentina.

proprietor in New York, Chicago, or Miami, if that were possible. . . . Guayaquil in Ecuador (one of the most backward of the South American republics) has a new modern hotel, but the place has had no occasion to entertain North Americans, and hardly

a word of English is spoken by anyone connected with the hotel. . . .

The Llao Llao Hotel, in Chile, in a town of the same name, is as fine a resort hotel as you run into almost anywhere, and has beautiful scenery from any room on any side of the hotel. The dining room does not open for dinner until 9:30 at night. The farther south one gets in South America, the later they eat dinner at night. They have tea about five in the afternoon. . . .

The Lima Country Club is supposed to be one of the finest in the world. It is more beautiful than any country club I have seen anywhere in the United States or in fact, anywhere else.

### Food

The cost of living has been going up all over South America. In Chile everything has just about doubled in the last year or two. In Argentina prices are comparable to New York City or perhaps higher. More goods are available, if you want to pay the price. We hear a lot about how much food is wasted in the United States. Our writers would learn much from visiting Argentina. . . .

At the Plaza Hotel in Buenos Aires, for example, you ask for a large glass of fruit juice, a big bowl of fresh fruits usually comes along, too. If I ordered one egg, I always got two. There would be enough toast, bread, and rolls for a good-sized fam-



Country Club at Lima, Peru, which was visited by Paul Amundson during the air cruise.



Calbuco Volcano looms up on the South American plains. Railroad station and hotel in foreground.

ily. I would ask for a couple of pieces of bacon, but I would get ten or twelve. If I ordered a small piece of broiled ham, up would come a half dozen big slabs of it, fried in enough of its own grease to take care of the fat requirements of an entire family for some time. . . .

Guatemala is a beautiful country, and it has not yet been spoiled by tourists. The airport at Guatemala City is one of the finest I have ever seen. The coffee served on the house at the airport is in a class by itself. I had lots of good coffee in South America, particularly Brazil, but I would just as soon have the Guatemalan product any time. . . .

Many a North American tourist who has visited Europe and the tropics, is well accustomed to having to drink mineral water instead of the usual city water. Even in Rio, the city water is not fit to drink. The stuff coming out of the drains is sometimes almost reddish in color, and there are signs posted in the rooms not to drink the water.

#### Latin Recalcitrance

Argentina shows no signs of co-operation with even the other South American countries, let alone North America. Athletes from Argentina going over to nearby Uruguay sometimes are not permitted to take their athletic equipment along. . . .

There are all kinds of restrictions in going in and out of Argentina. For example, I bought some pieces of silverware in B. A.

to take to the U.S. They are still in Argentina, although I recently received a refund. It was interesting to hear one of the guides in Rio later say, "The Argentines hate us Brazilians and we Brazilians hate the Argentines. . . ."

We didn't see very much political disturbance in B. A. I guess the excitement took place before and after we were there. One of the most abominable practices all over South America, is to plaster political slogans in hard-to-get-off black paint, on both public and private buildings, sometimes under the eyes of the police. . . .

#### Development

All South America, in general, and Rio in particular, was apparently having a tremendous building boom just before the war started. Any quantity of buildings—large apartment houses, hotels, office buildings and whatnot were in process of construction. All this had to be stopped when it became impossible to import building materials from both Europe and the U.S. From my window at the Copacabana Palace Hotel at Copacabana Beach, I could see the shells of at least four large unfinished apartment buildings. In walking around a small radius in the vicinity I counted at least twenty of these huge structures that were once in process of construction. That same situation prevailed throughout a lot of Rio and in other South American cities. . . .





Gen. Hart, Alabama Alpha, believes that the intramural sports programs of fraternity chapter houses are a vital instrument for physical fitness.

# LET'S DEVELOP BETTER BODIES

**By Brig. Gen. Franklin  
A. Hart**

A Sig Ep general of the Marines on Iwo Jima tells how the Corps trained fit individuals and bids fraternity men develop intramural sports programs.

**Y**OUNG men who have been highly developed physically by the controlled athletics within the services are coming back to the campus. The physical standard of the college student must be kept higher than ever before.

My own fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, has always excelled in intramural sports, and I consider intramural competition in the field of sports to be one of the most beneficial aspects of the fraternity system. But I think that fraternities should go further than intramurals in the physical development of our young men. There should be organized calisthenics programs, sparked and carried out by the fraternities under faculty supervision. It is not easy to get young men to band together in small groups for calisthenics, but once such a program is started it is habit-forming. Trained instructors, perhaps first supplied by college physical education departments, but eventually supplied by each fraternity house, should direct the program. This type of body development should be an integral part of the program of the college. By strength, actual and potential, our country can keep itself at peace. And the strength and fitness of the nation can be built only on the strength and fitness of the individual.

It has been thirty years since I had the pleasure of participating in varsity athletics at Auburn, Ala., and that time lapse might discredit my recommendations to the fraternities of today. But, I have seen what trained and healthy young men can accomplish, and I urge the fraternities, in their reorganization for peace, to lay stress on the physical development of the individual youth.

We in the Marine Corps have depended on the nation's institutions of learning to supply us with a most vital element of our organization, the officer material, the young men from the colleges and universities, who adapted themselves so well to the stern necessities of war.

Many of the amenities of college life were sacrificed under the compelling impetus of our fight for existence. The worth of our institutions of higher learning was well demonstrated in the time of stress by the caliber of men who passed into the services from their sped-up curricula. I salute the colleges and universities of the country for their outstanding contribution to the winning of the war.

We all know that in many ways fraternity

life and activity within the schools was much curtailed during the war. Some chapters were boosted slightly, it is true, but with the influx of uniforms, and telescoped schedules upon the campuses, the normal activities of the fraternities were much reduced. Far from being a death blow to the fraternity system, this present necessity for putting the fraternity house in order in a national sense, and reorganizing, can be a tremendous boon to the fraternities, if we take advantage of it. For, although the war is over, the responsibilities facing our young manhood are pressing and great. The peace of the world depends on them.

It will long be argued that this weapon, or that weapon, won the war. Bombs and battleships, airplanes and submarines have their vociferous champions. In the face of the refinements of science, it is easy to forget a basic fact of every human endeavor—that in the last analysis it is the *men* behind every machine, from atom bomb to bayonet, who decide the issue. American men won this war, men with courage and ideals and initiative. And it is men with those same qualities who will maintain the peace for which we paid so dearly. Through the colleges and universities of this country pass the cream of our manhood, the statesmen and executives of tomorrow, and it is on them that the peace and safety of our world will depend.

So much for the purely educational aspects of the future, for our institutions of learning. There is another vital aspect of college and fraternity life which is close to my heart. It is physical fitness. With the idea of encouraging athletic and calisthenic programs for the fraternities especially, I want to relate something about the Marine Corps, how we develop the individual and thereby maintain our *esprit de corps*, which I believe to be superior to that of any other organization, whether civilian or military.

Prior to the declaration of the national emergency, statistics furnished from our recruit depots and physical fitness testing records in colleges and universities, showed that the physical prowess of the young man was diminishing and also showed definitely the declining strength, endurance, agility,

and co-ordination of the individual. Our mechanized age was having its effect on the physique of the nation's youth.

This decline obviously affected the standards of our organization, for the Marine Corps is a military service with the final mission of imposing our will by force on any enemy we fight; and physical endurance, agility, and co-ordination of the individual are essential to the fulfilling of that mission.

The officers responsible for the training of units within the Marine Corps realized that if the Corps was to retain its prestige as a fighting body of men second to none, a physical training program must be developed, that insured the *total* conditioning of *all* the men.

We had within the Corps, regular and reserve officers who were outstanding athletic directors. Certain of these officers were called together and fathered the Marine Corps' physical development and training program.

This program required that every individual be given a complete course in calisthenics at the recruit depot to develop the body muscles, as well as competitive sports. Competitive athletics develop an aggressive fighting spirit, the will to win, and the ability to think and act quickly under fire. Many skills or habits of action and motion developed by the various sports are of direct value. In soccer a man must be ready at all times to kick the ball with either foot. He naturally acquires a short gait, a change of pace, and a sense of balance which will be of immense advantage. Football, which is in the same category, also develops the elements of correct contact in combat work. Nearly every blow and position in boxing has its counterpart in bayonet fighting. Additionally these sports developed the principles of co-operation and the all-essential teamwork that is so necessary.

The plan, to be successful, had to be followed throughout the individual's whole tour of duty in the Marine Corps. Great stress was laid at the Marine officer's schools in developing adequate instructors. Selected men from the ranks were given special courses to perfect them as physical instructors and coaches.



We field commanders all believe that it was the superb physical condition of our men that enabled them to make eleven successful amphibian assaults and endure untold fatigue and hardships in accomplishing their tasks. The man who is physically strong, trained, and perfected in hand-to-hand fighting and bodily contact fears no man, for he believes himself fully prepared and is ready to meet the foe at his own game.

It was my privilege to go to the Pacific in command of the 24th regiment of Marines, re-enforced, organized as a regimental combat team, a part of the Fourth Marine Division. I had the honor to command this re-enforced regiment through three major operations and later in one operation was assistant division commander.

We went straight to battle the Pacific Coast and landed on Roi-Namur, Kwajalein atoll in the Marshalls, in February, 1944. The operation was furious and intense for twenty-three hours, with no let-up. The island was taken in the minimum time with only about 15 per cent casualties of those landing, and, significantly, no battle fatigue or neurosis casualties.

Next we landed at Saipan in company with the second Marine Division. The enemy had elected not to defend at the beach, but to allow us to land, and then, from concealed inland positions, to blast us with everything they had. Saipan was hot—Japanese and climate both. The humidity was high, but we went on to finish the job in the shortest possible time, no rest, no let-up, but push, push for twenty-six days. Some men fell out with heat exhaustion, but later returned. The number was small compared with what it might have been, had our men not been in such excellent physical condition.

Saipan was followed by another action. With only ten days of rest (and I can't remember that there was much rest, for there was much to be done) the Fourth Marine Division executed a surprise landing on Tinian Island, using two narrow beaches which the Japanese considered impossible for a large attacking force. We got the whole division ashore on the first day, and were

set up and ready for the Japanese when they executed a large-scale Banzai or counter-attack that night. It was the best executed Japanese counterattack that I know of in the Pacific war, but it wasn't good enough. The next day we counted 1,525 enemy dead in front of and within our lines.

The division, re-enforced by the Second Marine Division the second day, went on to finish this job in six more days. Our men were tired, gaunt, with an average of 15 to 20 pounds per man loss in weight. If we had not been physically ready we could not have lasted the fight out.

After a few months' rest, training of replacements, and rehabilitation, our division, with the Fifth Marine Division, landed on Iwo Jima, and on D-Plus-4 we were re-enforced by two-thirds of the Third Marine Division. Another intense twenty-seven days of physical and mental exertion. We accomplished our task, worn out, yes, but basically, physically, and mentally sound and ready to build up again for the next operation.

We concentrated on athletics in the Fourth Marine Division whenever we could between operations. Within each of the Corps' six divisions there could always be found enough all-Americans, and all-Conference football players, to make up teams capable of defeating the best of the colleges and some of the professional elevens. The Corps has always attracted college athletes and you may be sure we are glad to have them. Our Fourth Division football team, during the 1944 season, between Tinian and Iwo Jima, was undefeated in the Pacific Ocean area. In addition to the Division football squad, there were several "intramural" football and baseball leagues. The training afforded the men in these intramural and "Pacific big league" affairs paid dividends in several ways. Our courts martial were few, and we had an extraordinarily low percentage of battle fatigue or neurosis cases.

Wise legislation has provided the veteran with the means of advancing his education, of finishing his college career.

There is an opportunity for beneficial endeavor offered today to the colleges and universities and fraternities, unlike anything we have had before.



A trio of bright legal lights pose for the camera at Virginia Beach. Late summer meeting of Virginia State Bar Association, was attended (in order shown) by Congressman J. Vaughan Gary, Virginia Alpha, Governor of Virginia William M. Tuck, Virginia Epsilon, and President of the American Bar Association Willis Smith, North Carolina Gamma, '10, who attended the war crimes trials at Nürnberg.

## SIG EPIC ACHIEVEMENT

### Cover Boys

**T**HE Powers and Conover models can be cover girls if they want to, but there will always be cover room for a number of Sig Eps of achievement in the non-glamour department. September JOURNAL describes the accomplishments of J. Elmer Housley as president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and since that time Herbert Qualls, Tennessee Alpha, '25, recently discharged as a colonel of the U. S. Army, has sent on a copy of the summer issue of *The Tennessee Alumnus*, with Brother Housley beaming from the cover.

Also during the summer, members of Cosmopolitan International, a world service club, were confronted from their magazine tables by the handsome albeit judicial likeness of Earle W. Frost, which decorated the cover of the organization's magazine. Now the most recent past president of his Fraternity, the Judge is also the new international president of his service club.

Meanwhile on the cover of the summer issue of *The Washington State Alumni Powwow* appears the serene and kindly visage of Fred Talley, Washington Alpha, '16, who as the new president of State's alumni association is at the helm of some 30,000 graduates and former students. Having served on the board of directors for the past three years, he was the first Smith-Hughes man in the

State of Washington and was manager of the Washington State Farm bureau in 1922-23. Past president of the Spokane Life Underwriters association and past vice-president of the State Underwriters association, he is a prominent insurance man in Spokane where he has resided for many years. The Talley family is regarded as one of the outstanding families of W.S.C.

### O'Connor and Company

Two prominent Sig Eps were recently mentioned in an international news release pertinent to doings in the Red Cross. One was Basil O'Connor, New Hampshire Alpha, '12, chairman of the American National Red Cross; the other James T. Nicholson, Massachusetts Alpha, '16, until recently vice-chairman in charge of insular and foreign operations.

Medals were presented to Chairman O'Connor by the Danish and Bulgarian Red Cross societies in appreciation for American Red Cross aid, not only to themselves, but to other parts of war-ravaged Europe. The awards were made at Geneva where Chairman O'Connor headed the American delegation attending the International Red Cross conference.

A Danish Red Cross medal, presented in behalf of King Christian, was awarded to Vice-chairman Nicholson.



Supplies valued at \$173,469,362.68 were distributed to foreign nations by the American Red Cross from September, 1939, to April, 1946, it was announced. Principal post-war assistance to Bulgaria was penicillin. In addition to clothing for displaced persons in Denmark, the American Red Cross made it possible for the Danish Red Cross to obtain a large fleet of trucks which it is still using to transport relief food supplies to other European countries.

Nicholson was also named Executive Vice-chairman of the Red Cross, effective October 15. With the organization since 1919, taking his first post shortly after completing his service in the U. S. Army during World War I, he has held many important positions in the Red Cross, both in the United States and abroad. For nine years he was the manager of the Chicago Chapter, and in 1939 he was a member of the first Red Cross mission to Europe for the relief of victims of World War II. In that capacity he brought about the conclusion of arrangements for the distribution of American Red Cross relief to Polish civilians victimized by the Nazi aggression.

He represented the American Red Cross at meetings of the International Red Cross Conference at Tokyo in 1934 and in London in 1938, and the fourth Pan American Conference at Santiago, Chile, in 1940. For the past year, he has been Vice-chairman in charge of Insular and Foreign Operations, and has been responsible for the overseas operations of the American Red Cross in support of U.S. military as well as all foreign relief programs. He has just returned from a meeting of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies held in Oxford and the conference called by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva to formulate recommendations for the revision of the international Red Cross and Prisoners of War treaties.

In June, 1946, he was awarded an honorary degree of LL.D. by Massachusetts State College for his outstanding humanitarian work.

## Another Vice-president

Well-known in the vegetable oil processing and refining industry, Whitney H. Eastman, New Hampshire Alpha, '09, and past Grand President, head of the chemical division of General Mills, was elected a vice-president of the company by the board of directors at their meeting at Wilmington, Del., August 20.

Joining General Mills in 1943, he shortly thereafter became president of the newly-formed Vegetable Oil and Protein Division. Early in 1946 this became the Chemical Division. Operations of the Division include a soybean processing plant and three soybean refining units at Belmont, Iowa, a polyamide resin plant at Minneapolis, and construction of a new organic chemical plant at Kankakee.

Eastman is a director of the National Soybean Processors Association which he organized in 1930 and served for several years as president.

Before joining General Mills, he served as a vice-president, director, and member of the executive committee of the Archer-Daniels-Midland Company.

## Fratres in Facultate

Of 56 persons listed on the staff of Ohio Northern University as the institution opened its seventy-sixth year—nearly double the number on the university payroll during the critical war years of 1943-44, these four were Sig Eps: H. E. Huber, dean of the college of liberal arts, W. E. Binkley and C. H. Freeman, professors, and Millard Murphy, director of athletics.

Back at the helm of the Ohio Northern Polar Bears where he left off in 1942 with a championship outfit, Coach Murphy gave grid fans their first view of the 1946 Bears at Kenton against Rio Grande, a team Northern's first postwar outfit had difficulty in downing last year.

The Bears are back at prewar strength with a



James T. Nicholson, at left as member of American Red Cross delegation to Russia, is shown in London, September 17, outside offices of American Red Cross. Allen Wardwell and R. J. Scovill are with him.

squad of 55 men, most of them with service experience, reporting to the well-liked mentor.

Murphy himself did a service stint, participating in the Italian and southern France campaigns. He completed work for his master's degree at Columbia University during the summer.

John Clay, Utah Alpha, '42, of Milford, Utah, certified public accountant, has been appointed a special lecturer in accounting and business administration at Utah State Agricultural College. Member of the debate team and debate manager at his alma mater, he served as an accountant for the Utah Taxpayers' Association, Salt Lake City, for one and one-half years, was employed for a time by Beesley Wood and Co., and Lincoln G. Kelly and Co., certified public accountants, Salt Lake City, and from June, 1944, to June 1945, was a member of the state legislative budget committee for the control of state expenditures.

## Sig Epic Shorts

U. S. Senator Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado Alpha, in a guest editorial published recently in a Denver paper, gave his comments on some of the things a political party should and should not be. "A political party in the United States," he wrote, "is the servant of the people and not their ruler. Neither can it become the prostitute for any special group. A political party in a democracy serves all the people and not a selected pressure group. If it merits the support of organized labor it need not worry about receiving its support. Organized labor is glad to play ball on a free basis."

Edwin Buchanan, Ohio Gamma, '12, Sig Ep national treasurer since 1932, again has taken an active part in another worthy Milwaukee cause. He has been appointed campaign director for the 1947 campaign of the Milwaukee chapter of the American Cancer Society. For many years he has served as chairman of committees during Red Cross and Community Chest campaigns.

"Familiar Faces in Hamilton," the leading article in the September, 1946, *Columbia Alumni News*, is by Dean Harry J. Carman, New York Alpha, and is "a story of nine senior members of the Columbia Faculty" by the dean of the College.

Armstrong A. Stambaugh, Ohio Alpha, '05, vice-president of Standard Oil Company of Ohio, has been re-elected vice-president of the American Management Association, a national group of industrial executives. He has been in charge of general sales for Sohio since 1929, and is a member of the board of trustees of his alma mater.

Dr. Cliff W. Stone, Washington Alpha, '08, has become professor emeritus of education at his alma mater, where for twenty-six years he has devoted himself to teaching in this field on this campus.



Whitney H. Eastman, New Hampshire Alpha, '09, recently elected a vice-president of General Mills.

## A New Order?

Men of good will towards education who are interested in those judgments which are formed in that uniquely rugged section of America where the *Kansas City Star* flourishes may become enlightened by what this great newspaper has to say in some bright editorial paragraphs on fraternity hell week and allied phenomena:

"Maybe the elders of today won't admit it, but in their rah rah and blazer era child psychology flourished on the American campuses. In the nineties and naughty eighties the freshman cap was a symbol of misery. Theoretically the upper classmen were helping him get over his high school big shot complex and childishness. Actually he came out of it only to be another childish upper classman. In that joyful and carefree era putting a cow on the chapel roof was even more hilarious than beating a freshman in the cemetery.

"By the twenties these earlier collegiates were shaking their heads over a more serious generation. Where fraternities were on the campus general hazing was out. Each fraternity looked after the 'education' of its own freshmen. The paddle was still in vogue but the real destruction of the freshman's morale was confined to hell week preceding the solemn occasion of initiation. Climax of hell was the mock initiation which the freshman survived in a state of daze and bruises.

"At last beatings and castor oil are losing the whole fight in the colleges. The idea has taken hold that freshmen are humans to be educated by books and upper classman advice."



# WITH THE ALUMNI



Spokane celebrants, at first big postwar dinner, held August 23 at Hotel Spokane. Reading outside around the table are: Howard Knight, Bill Hopkins, Rex Gardner, Dwight Calkins, C. L. Hix, Fred Talley, Gordon Forbes, Daryl Dietrich, Lee Sahlin, Jesse Mangis, Jack Robertson, Ted Messelt, Dick Winters, John Peterson. Left to right (on the inside): Richard Hix, Mike Ryther, Ossie Suksdorf, Earl Jennette, Ross Smith, Kenny Hyde, James Parrish, Dean Armstrong, Lauron Gies, Cecil Fleshman, Willis Randall and Benton Bangs. Talley was recently elected head of Washington State College Alumni.

## ★ LET'S GET TOGETHER ★

### Spokane Sport

**A**N ENTHUSIASTIC postwar alumni meeting was held at the Spokane Hotel, Spokane, August 23. Plans were made for the homecoming game to be held at Pullman on October 14. We are currently waging a campaign to raise \$1,500 for repairs on the house and are publishing an alumni newspaper about the last of September.

The following officers were elected for the Inland Empire Alumni Association: president, Ossie Suksdorf; vice-president, Howard Knight; secretary, Bill Hopkins.

—GORDON A. FORBES

### Lexington Lays On

Kentucky Alpha alumni met in reunion in Lexington on May 25, and under the guidance of their secretary, Clyde R. Tipton, formed "The Alumni Association of Kentucky Alpha of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and Sigma Beta Xi." The agenda embraced the following proposed action:

(1) Clarification of chapter's financial position; (2) formulation of plans to pay chapters' indebtedness; (3) outline of definite program for establishment of a building fund; and (4) notification of alumni of the purpose of the "Buck-a-Month Club" and how the funds will be obtained and utilized.

Alumni Secretary Tipton drew up a mimeo-

graphed report which was mailed to the alumni to explain the Association's purpose and activities.

Members of the alumni association are Willie Stovall, Wikie Broffitt, Mel Forden, Dud Flowers, Nat Campbell, Thomas Boyd, Lin Arnall, Charles Kelly, R. E. Shaver, Bill Von All Allman, Clinton Wells, and Clyde Tipton.

Officers elected were Thomas Boyd, alumni treasurer, and Clyde R. Tipton, alumni secretary. Zeke Shaver, Lin Arnall, and Charles Kelly were elected to serve with Boyd and Tipton as a committee to act as a board of directors of the Association until the next alumni reunion.

—JAMES LEE WOOD, JR.

### 40th Syracuse Reunion

After an extremely thorough build-up, plans for New York Alpha's Fortieth Anniversary Reunion were completed early in October in readiness for the big weekend itself—November 15, 16, and 17—featured on the campus by the football game with Colgate University and for Sig Eps by the reunion banquet and dance at the Hotel Onondaga.

Scheduled to speak at this banquet were these celebrated New York Alpha men: J. Roscoe Drummond, '24, former executive editor of the *Christian Science Monitor* and at present its Washington correspondent; Harry J. Carman, '09, dean of Columbia College, Columbia University; C. Oliver Moore, '14, chief counselor for the National City Bank of New York.

Richard McLellen, '42, was scheduled to be the toastmaster, while arrangements were supervised by Stanley Evans, '36, chairman of the reunion.

## Cleveland Camaraderie

The Co-executive managers of the Cleveland Alumni awarded mythical (because of the paper shortage) gold stars to the following for good attendance at the monthly noon luncheon meetings (the last Friday of every month) at the City Club: Charley Stewart, Myles Wilder, Sid Masse, Chal Lutz. (The president, Felix Hales, was also awarded one as a friendly gesture, due to his office.)

The highlight of the summer season was the appointment of one of our prominent active members, Col. Robert W. Chamberlin, to the position of director of the Citizens League of Cleveland.

Ed Roetzinger has been appointed as chairman of a committee to get ex-GIs and the younger men active again.

The Founders' Day Banquet will be held at the University Club November 1, 1946.

—NELSON H. CARRAN and K. B. WIGGINS

## Onward Utah Staters

Utah Alpha's drive for funds with which to build a house has netted over \$1,100 from approximately one-fifth of its alumni members. According to plan these funds are currently converted into U. S. Government bonds.

Members of the Utah Alumni association and their partners met at Harry's Dutch Oven, south of Farmington, August 24, for an annual reunion.

After dinner the party, consisting of 25 couples, proceeded to Lagoon for the balance of the evening of dancing and amusement.

Arrangements were under the direction of Harold A. Cummings, Bountiful, Utah, president of the association.

—LYLE E. HOLMGREN

## With the Angelenos

The undergraduate chapter wants the credit in Los Angeles for the custom of pre-football game reunions held in the chapter house at weekend. These are featured by a buffet luncheon and open house.

Plans for November include an alumni dance at one of L.A.'s larger hotels, featuring the music of Brother Jimmy Grier and his orchestra. Grier's own arrangement of the song "Sig Ep Girl," played to California's recent party at the Biltmore Bowl, is reported to have received a very favorable reception.

## Milwaukee Picnic

The Milwaukee Alumni Chapter held its annual picnic September 15 at the Fred Newman farm outside Fredonia on the Milwaukee River. Twenty-five Sig Eps and their wives and families attended. Lucy Newman and Doris Witthuhn served hot chili, coffee, and ice cream to the guests who



Kentucky Alpha alumni who attended the chapter alumni reunion held May 25, in the Fireside Room of the Phoenix Hotel. Top row, left to right: Thomas D. Boyd, D. L. Arnall, R. E. Shaver, R. D. Flowers; middle row: Art Perkins, Wilgus Broffitt, Clyde R. Tip-ton; front row: Nat Campbell and Bill Von Allmen.

brought sandwiches and other snacks. Fred Newman and Irwin Witthuhn were kept busy serving coke and beer. Games on the program included baseball, badminton, horseshoes, and dart ball.

—JACK E. KRUEGER

## ★ BRIEFS ★

### CALIFORNIA ALPHA—University of California

James H. Corley, '26, a past national president of the Fraternity, comptroller and general business manager of the University of California, is the author of a lengthy article, "The University of California Post-War Building Program," which appeared in a recent issue of the University's alumni monthly:

### CALIFORNIA BETA—U. of Southern California

Carl E. Wopschall, '36, who served as an Armed Guard officer for the Navy in the Pacific theater, has resumed his legal practice and is living in Pasadena.

Lt. Comdr. William E. Walk has been described by 11th Naval District headquarters as the only supply corps officer in the history of the Navy to serve as aide and flag lieutenant to an admiral of the line.

### COLORADO ALPHA—University of Colorado

F. W. Harding, '31, is an attorney in Denver, with offices in the Ernest and Cranmer Building.

### IOWA ALPHA—Iowa Wesleyan College

Richard A. Bentzinger, '41, has joined the UNRRA in a new capacity, that of fieldman with the Mennonite Central Committee engaged in



relief and reconstruction work in Italy. His term of service is two years.

#### KANSAS ALPHA—Baker University

Coach Emil S. Liston, '13, adviser of his chapter and athletic coach at his alma mater, has been granted a leave of absence from his duties to recover from a heart ailment suffered on July 25, at Cascade, Colo.

Melvin Cammack is president of the Baker Club of Topeka, Kan., which group also includes the Rev. Otis Beach. —THOMAS H. NEAL

#### MICHIGAN ALPHA—University of Michigan

George H. Compter, '38, has been very busy in the engineering field. Starting in the stress analysis department of one of the larger eastern aircraft plants, he arose to the position of senior stress man after four years, then switched to the inspection department as supervisor of the salvage group, in charge of all such operations in the six plants of the company. His next position was that of staff engineer in the aeronautical division of the Society of Automotive Engineers, correlating the work of engineers all over the country who were working on standardization projects for national defense. During the past year and a half he has been employed as chief production engineer of Link Aviation Devices Inc. of Binghamton, N.Y. However, he has moved up from this position also to New York City to assume the duties of chief engineer of industrial Conversions, Inc., in which he holds a financial interest. This is an industrial and process engineering group catering particularly to the plastics industry.

#### MISSISSIPPI BETA—Mississippi State College

Fred P. Sage, recent graduate of pre-med school at his alma mater and former Air Force pilot, enrolled at the University of Tennessee Medical College, Memphis, in July.

George Black, '46, is supervisor at the Butane Gas Company, Sentabia, Miss.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA—University of Missouri

Paul C. Mirgon, '32, recently discharged from the service, is employed by the Haw Hardware Company, wholesale hardware and mill supply company, of Ottumwa, Iowa.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA—University of Nebraska

Bert R. Durkee, '38, recently discharged from the service, has re-entered the general practice of law in Rock Island, Ill., with the firm of Huber, Reidy, and Katz.

#### NEW YORK DELTA—Rensselaer Polytech

Edward W. Grant, '31, is production manager for the United States Catheter and Instrument Corp., Glens Falls, N.Y., after fifteen years of service with the New York Power and Light Corp., at Troy. While a resident of Troy, he



Coach Emil F. Liston, Kansas Alpha, on leave of absence from Baker due to illness.

served as treasurer of his chapter's alumni corporation.

#### OHIO ALPHA—Ohio Northern University

Charles R. Wilson has recently sold the Varsity Book Store, located on the campus of Ohio Northern, having owned and operated it for forty-three years.

Armstrong A. Stambaugh, '05, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, has been re-elected vice-president of the American Management Association, a national group of industrial executives. Mr. Stambaugh has been in charge of general sales for Sohio since 1929. He is a member of the board of trustees of Ohio Northern University.

Robert W. Biggs, '30, has been named works manager of the Ambridge, Pa. plant of the National Electrical Products Corporation. His first production responsibility was in the Lorain, Ohio works of the National Tube Company. In 1938, he became assistant superintendent of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation works in Aliquippa, Pa. Five years later Mr. Briggs was advanced to the post of production manager of the J. & L. McKeesport, Pa. works. He is a member of the Iron and Steel Engineers and recently served on the Ordnance Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Millard "Lefty" Murphy, '38, returned to Ada after spending several weeks at Columbia University, completing his work for his master of arts degree. He has resumed work at the university this summer and this fall will take over the coaching duties. —GEORGE C. HINDALL

## UTAH ALPHA—Utah State College

Rene Mallard, '42, is managing editor of the *Post-Forum Magazine*, Utah veteran publication.

Roy Thomas Shaw, Jr., and Hal Edison, both '46, are now members of the Utah Alumni Association from the Aggie school of commerce.

Bob Branges, '43, recently released from the Army and home again in the Bronx, N.Y., plans

to return to Utah State for a two-quarter refresher course in forestry.

—LYLE E. HOLMGREN

## VIRGINIA ETA—University of Virginia

Bruce George Eberwein, '40, is a field worker with the National Society for Crippled Children at 11 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3.

## ★ VITAL DATA ★

## Married

*"Humble wedlock is far better than proud virginity."*—SAINT AUGUSTINE

James Jones, Alabama Alpha, and Sue Abbott, during the summer, 1946.

Charles W. Whatley, Alabama Alpha active, and Billie Dobbins, on September 7, 1946.

Ens. William Parry Camm, California Beta, '46, and Jeanne Louise Crider, U. of Southern California Delta Gamma, on June 25, 1946, in the Church of the Messiah, Los Angeles.

Raymond Ingle, California Beta, '46, and Patricia DuPar, U. of California at Los Angeles co-ed, on July 14, 1946, in St. Albans Episcopal Church, Los Angeles.

Lyman C. Lee, Jr., president of California Beta chapter in 1941, and Lois Johnston, on August 3, 1946, in Carmel Mission, Carmel, Calif.

Walter Keil, Colorado Delta, and Barbara Smith, on August 8, 1946, in the Warren Methodist Church in Denver.

James G. Johnstone, Colorado Delta, and Louise Moffat, on August 25, 1946, in the Presbyterian Church, at Golden, Colo.

Robert Theodore Seith, Indiana Alpha, '46, and Ruth Marilyn Sievert, Indiana Alpha, '46, on October 12, 1945, in the Sherman Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Gene Phelps, Iowa Beta, '46, and Jean Webb, Iowa State Gamma Phi Beta, on September 14, at Waterloo, Iowa.

George Schoel, Iowa Beta, '50, and Janis Degebaar, on August 3, at Waterloo, Iowa.

Edward Drexler, Iowa Beta, '47, and Barbara Scarlata, in April, 1946, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Hugh S. Ames, Iowa Gamma, and his bride Grace.

Reed Schaffer, Iowa Beta, '45, and Dorothy Mae Hammelman, on August 24, at Burlington, Iowa.

Hugh Stanley Ames, Iowa Gamma, '48, and Grace Bunting Putnam, on August 14, 1946, in Minneapolis, Minn.

George McNeal, Iowa Gamma active, and Colleen Evelyn Bedell, Alpha Xi Delta, on June 5, 1946, in the Methodist Church, Iowa City; with Jack Percival as best man and Donald Winkler and Loraine Davis ushers, the ceremony being attended by the entire Sig Ep chapter.

Dale Burket, Iowa Alpha, and Elaine Johnston, on August 11, 1946, in the First Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, with Howard Jubenville, Iowa Gamma, as best man.

Edward Wiesner, Iowa Gamma, and Anne Wilson, in August, at Eldora, Iowa.

Roy D. Carlson, Iowa Gamma, and Hope Rogers, of Lowell, Mass., at Albuquerque, N.M.

Cornell C. Clarke, current president of Kentucky Alpha, of Socorro, N.M., and Marjorie Mitchell, U. of Kentucky Delta Delta Delta, on May 18, 1946, in the Methodist Church at Pikeville, Ky.

Jack Paxton, current vice-president of Oklahoma Gamma, and Grace Crawford, on September 5, 1946, in the Warren Methodist Church, Denver, Colo.

Louis Y. Errickson, Pennsylvania Delta, '46, and Jeanne Lucille Bressett, on September 1, 1946, at Long Branch, N.J.

William H. Holloway, Texas Alpha active, and Patricia Ann Fowler, Chi Omega, August 17, 1946, at Denton, Tex.

George J. Hubbard, Texas Alpha active, and Doris Peavy, Alpha Chi Omega, September 8, 1946, at Garland, Tex.

Wayne Keller Tuttle, Utah Alpha, '43, recently discharged from the service, and Ruth Jensen, Brigham Young University Lambda Delta Sigma, on July 25, 1946, in the Manti LDS Temple, Salt Lake City.

## Born

*"Heaven give you many, many merry days."*

—SHAKESPEARE

To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chalmers, Alabama Alpha, a son, W. W. Jr., on Friday, September 13, 1946.

To Chief Pharmacist and Mrs. Eugene G. Ryn, Iowa Gamma, '34, a daughter, Karen Denise, on





Iowa Gamma's George McNeal and bride and the gang that assisted at the nuptials; left to right: Don Winkler, usher; Colleen McNeal, flower girl; Norma Jean Bedell, maid of honor; the bride; the groom; Jack Percival, best man; Loraine Davis, usher. See Married column for other details.

August 13, 1946, in Mercy Hospital, San Diego, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson, active member of Kentucky Alpha, a daughter, in June, 1946; no details reported.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McKericher, Maryland Alpha, '35, a daughter, Carolyn Ann, on July 26, 1946, at Lombard, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herb Roush, Missouri Alpha, '33 (publicity director of the 1947 Sig Ep Conclave), a daughter, their first child, on August 26, 1946, in Kansas City, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Williams, Pennsylvania Kappa, '45, a son, Thomas Jr., October 23, 1945, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael John DeGeorge, Texas Alpha, '46, a daughter, Gayle DeGeorge, on August 29, 1946, in Houston.

To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark Thorpe, Utah Alpha, '34, a daughter, during the summer of 1946, in Logan, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Braxton Hill, Jr., Virginia Alpha, '42, a son, Rowland Braxton, III, on August 22, 1946, in Norfolk, Va.

## Died

*"And in the night of death  
Hope sees a star  
And listening love can  
Hear the rustle of a wing."*

\*Robert William Friedrichs, California Beta, Naval Air Corps; killed in plane crash during spring, 1946; rank and details unreported.

\*Lt. Sumner L. Beck, Iowa Alpha, '38, Air Forces navigator, inducted March, 1942, commissioned May 8, 1943, trained successively at Santa Ana, Calif., Thunderbird Field, Ariz., and Mather Field, Calif.; overseas May 20, 1943, with 403rd Squadron—43rd Bomb Group at Port Moresby, S.W., Pacific Area; reported missing in action after night mission over Rabaul, New Britain, June 26, 1943; presumed lost by War Department January 8, 1946; Iowa Alpha's only man killed in action in World War II.

\*Lt. Robert C. Banks, Iowa Beta, '42; date and details unreported.

Christie Jacob Fischer, Kansas Alpha, '06, long-time traveling salesman for the Adams Brothers Sales Company, of Topeka; on July 17, 1946, in Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Topeka.

Vernon M. Domoney, Kansas Beta, '43, on February 15, 1946.

\*Lt. Robert E. Chilson, Kansas Gamma, '40; killed in action; date and details unreported.

\*Ens. Lawrence H. Johnstone, Kansas Gamma, '42; killed in action; details unreported.

\*Robert K. Jelinek, Kansas Gamma, '46; killed in action; details unreported.

\*Lt. George E. Vogel, Massachusetts Beta, '44; died in action; no date or details reported.

Everett W. Leach, Massachusetts Beta; no facts reported other than his death.

James Dillon Greenlee, Missouri Alpha, '31, longtime adviser of his chapter, journalist, amateur composer, and more latterly instructor of music at his alma mater and at Stephens College; on July 15, 1946, in Noyes Hospital, Columbia, Mo.

John A. Kellner, New Jersey Alpha, on March 2, 1943.

Jack H. Boyd, III, North Carolina Delta, '32; no facts reported other than his death.

Frank Boyd, Oklahoma Alpha; no facts reported other than his death.

\*Allen K. Lottridge, Oregon Beta, died in the service on May 24, 1946.

\*Myrl R. Lindley, Oregon Beta, '33, died in the service on May 24, 1946.

A. Dale Michaelis, Utah Alpha, '42; no facts reported other than his death.

\*Harold W. Treake, Virginia Zeta, '45, killed in action in Italy with the army of General Clark, on February 1, 1945.

Earl V. Bird, Arkansas Alpha; notice received September 5, 1946, but no facts other than his death.

William E. Sullivan, Virginia Alpha, on August 23, 1946.

## ★ FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER ★

### The Ohio State Manual



**BRAILEY**

IN THE way of thinking that Lester G. Brailey, Ohio Epsilon, '32, Assistant Dean of Men at Ohio State University, has fallen heir to, the pledge trainer is the key man in fraternity organization. In the Interfraternity Pledge Manual just recently edited by Brailey in collaboration with a colleague in the Dean's Office and in co-operation with the Fraternity

Affairs Office, the fact is lamented that pledge training, done without the proper guidance, as most of it seems to be done, not only fails to improve the pledge as a prospective fraternity man but actually does him downright harm.

The prevailing philosophy that needs to be overthrown is that the pledges develop respect for the fraternity by working *for* the actives, according to the editors, who urge that pledges can develop the proper respect only by working *with* their initiated brothers.

"Fraternities," says the manual, "are agents which train men to live together co-operatively, to give and take. They help a fellow with his school work. Older men assist and counsel him, examination files and a library are available. Fraternities sharpen a man socially, giving him experiences and contacts that benefit him socially and professionally, now and in later life. Fraternities offer a chance for greater loyalty, both as a fraternity man and a school man."

This is a most significant summary—ordinary when resounding within central office walls and in the chapter rooms—but reflecting a trend of vast significance when it happens to be expressed by a great university as the educator's viewpoint. Physically, it does not say that chapter house principles are embraced in the college curriculum, but spiritually it does say so, and is being said so in many quarters throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Much of the material in the Ohio State manual is well known. Widely practiced are the big-brother system, the point system which pays off for good work and deducts for poor, tribunal and court procedures, preceptors of scholarship, and the apportionment of work and responsibility through the committee system. Whereas these are all practiced more or less, the Brailey manual shows in outline form how they work, down to the last meticulous detail.

Included in the list of pledge projects are a number of duties which would work for the improvement of *any* chapter, even if the pledges lacked the capacity to do them well and the actives had to do them themselves. For example: Compile a war history of the chapter, including number of men in service and a short history of each. Bring alumni address files up to date. Compile a scrapbook of biographical sketches and photos of famous alumni. Send out alumni birthday greetings. Collect books and catalogue them for the chapter library. Compile a chapter publication. Collect photographs of locally and nationally prominent alumni.

The manual is dead against pre-initiation shenanigans, just as it states that "The most common pitfall which traps those who fail to observe principles includes pledging a man who has a poor academic record because he has a big car, prospects as an athlete, or an alumnus pushing him.

The worship of such false gods has knocked many a stalwart and heroic chapter, like Humpty-Dumpty, off the wall, never to be put together again.

If there is personnel in the deans' offices capable not only of producing guidebooks to chapter behavior of this ilk but also of keeping in the confidence of the leaders in every house, Greekdom will attain a new dignity and a new importance in the perspective of American higher education.

It speaks well for the Manual that Phi Gamma Delta ordered 100 copies in one lot, as Brailey has reported. Its beginnings were modest indeed, since it started as a series of tests the answers to which were to be found in the handbooks, constitutions, and bulletins available on the campus. Originally 200 copies were mimeographed, but the volume of orders quickly necessitated a second printing.

Assistant Dean Brailey was initiated at Ohio Epsilon in '29 (class of '32). Age 35, father of two children, he has been on his present job since September, 1943, after about ten years of teaching and coaching in two private schools and one public school. He received both his B.S. ('32) and M.A. ('36) at Ohio State, where the boss is Dean J. A. Park, a member of Alpha Tau Omega. Brailey's collaborator, also from Dean Park's office, is Don Schroeter, onetime president of the Phi Delta Theta chapter at University of Cincinnati, who is out of the Navy doing graduate work at Ohio State in chemistry.

### Rushing and Pledging

By HAROLD JUDSON, Colorado Delta

It has been stated that you can't stand still. You must either go forward, or slide backward. It is the same way with a fraternity. The only way for



a fraternity to move forward and keep moving forward is by pledging new men who are good men.

There are three essentials you should have well fixed in your mind before you start rushing prospective members.

1. Your rushing chairman must be the most accomplished and dependable individual in your chapter. This member will have more effect on the chapter's future than the president, treasurer, or any other officer. He must have more than a good personality. He must be an organizer.

2. It will be false economy to "penny-pinch" on your rushing program to the point that full activities are not pursued and every reasonable opportunity exploited. Chapters that don't spend money on rushing usually have no money to spend after the rushing season. Once membership falls too low, economies cannot save a house.

3. Work hard at rushing. Every member should be familiar with the rushing program. Every member must do his part in the rushing of new members.

A good rushing organization is essential. The rushing organization should have full co-operation of the actives, alumni and the pledges. The chapter is overlooking great potential rushing strength if it fails to utilize its pledges. Their contact with other freshmen on the campus is more important than the experience of an upperclassman. The alumni can be used to a great advantage in the summer rushing program.

The rushing organization should plan a rushing program months before rush week. A planned program will insure much better rushing results. This program must consist of summer rushing, rushing during rush week and all year rushing.

Visual rushing is surely a must in your rushing program. The Army found in its training program that a man retains: 10 per cent of what he hears, 30 per cent of what he reads, 50 per cent of what he sees, and 90 per cent of what he does.

We are going to apply this to rushing. Don't waste time in trying to talk a rushee into the Fraternity. He'll only remember 10 per cent of what you tell him. He will, however, remember 30 per cent of what he reads, charts, etc. The two really important things are what he sees and what he does.

The rushee will remember the conduct of the Fraternity. He will see the appearance of the house, the members. He will also remember the type of men in the Fraternity.

Brothers, what does a rushee see when he enters your house? Does he see a neat, clean, orderly house with that atmosphere of a home. What is the appearance and conduct of the members of your Fraternity? What kind of an impression do they leave with the rushee? Can he see and feel the co-operation, friendship and the brotherly love among the members? If the rushees can see and feel that, he is missing out on the most important thing in life—friends. He will want to pledge the Fraternity.

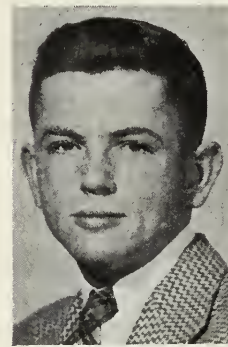
## National Interfraternity Conference

ONCE more the yearly get-together of the delegates of various fraternities to the National Interfraternity Conference will be held in New York City. Headquarters are the Commodore Hotel, adjoining Grand Central Station, the dates November 29 and 30. Sessions will be presided over by Maurice Jacobs, chairman of the Conference.

In conjunction with this meeting, the secretaries' and editors' organizations will also convene. The College Fraternity Editor's Association has arranged a dinner and meeting to take place on November 29, at the Four-Forty Club.

Sig Ep delegates to the Conference include William L. Phillips, William W. Hindman, Jr., Walter G. Fly, Charles S. Thompson, and John Robson, president of the College Fraternity Editor's Association.

## Lehigh Leader



HUYETT

Richard C. Huyett is Pennsylvania Epsilon's high activity man, with a score of activities. Here are some of them: president, Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary; president, Pi Tau Sigma, national M.E. honorary; president, Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership society; president Pi Mu Epsilon, national mathematics honorary; president, Lehigh

chapter A.S.M.E.; secretary-treasurer, Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalism honorary; member of Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman honorary; Cyanide, campus junior honorary society; past secretary, Arcadia, student governing organization; business manager *Epihome*.

Also a member of Cut and Thrust, fencing society; glee club; band; *Brown and White*, campus weekly; and student chapel committee. In addition, he has been president and secretary of the chapter.

Huyett, now in his last semester at Lehigh, has kept an average of 3.5 on the basis of 4 points for A on down.

★★ *Unless a man add to his glory, he loses what he has. . . . It is bad management when we suffer fortune to be our guide. . . . You may spare a bad man, if a good one must die with him.*—PUBLIUS SYRUS.

## A Glance at Football

Robert C. Choate, Utah Alpha, '44, former all-state high school tackle and regular lineman on Aggie grid eleven before entering the Army, is enrolled at University of Southern California where he is reporting on the Trojan squad. An all-state tackle while playing for the local North Cache High School in the class A championship in 1939, he won three letters in football while in high school and at U.S.A.C. played two years of varsity football, holding regular position at guard both years, and winning recognition for aggressive line work.

At the Colorado School of Mines old football men back are Gordon Miner and I. Robert Taylor, while newcomers on the squad include Tom Reiser, guard, Dick Baughman, tackle, and Bill Muir, end.

The Iowa State Sig Eps boast their usual splendid gridiron prowess in the persons of Quarterback Ronnie Norman, End Bob Jensen, Halfback Harry Kraus, and Guard George Schoel—all of whom are lettermen. Additional squad members are Andy Shaltanis, Robert Higgins, and Chris Steinbach.

In the University of Iowa department of the Big Nine, Jerry Kubal and Bruno Niedziela, playing tackle, staged an excellent show in the opening game with North Dakota State. Both were actives at Iowa Gamma before the war, when as a letterman in 1942 Niedziela started five of Iowa's ten games. (See cover, *Bruno Niedziela*, No. 47.)

The historian at Worcester Polytech reports that football on that campus is of an informal variety, though whatever it may be, Sig Eps are in the thick of this sport. The 12 men who play on the squad are Frank Gross (a letterman), Ed Carpen-



Nick Abdo, fullback on Syracuse eleven.

ter, Hal Melden, Karl Berggren, Dick Seagraves, Harry Newell, Bud Foss, Buster Jones, Roger Cromack, Phil Jones, Roy Alvey, and Al Carr.

Members of the football team and of the M Club at the Mississippi State Sig Ep chapter this fall are Clarence Marks and Froggy Moore.

Sig Ep is obviously the big thing on the gridiron at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., since 8 of the starting team are from the Penn Lambda house. The backfield foursome is Dick Newton, Joe DeMoise, Robert McDaniel, and Joe Mastro. On the line are Ends Chal Zech and Ray Mattucks, Tackle Henry Vitkovitch, and Guards Walter Schumm and Edward Kuseck. The Sig Eps also have the senior football manager, John Henry, and assistant, Robert McChesney.

Up at Syracuse, Historian Roger Burgos, an inspired word-user, tells the football news from that chapter in a lingo all his own. He reports: "Footballist Ted Toople, eighth in the lengthy queue of Hooples at N.Y.A. and one of the better handlers of the prolate spheroid at S.U., is getting scrapbook material out of local papers.

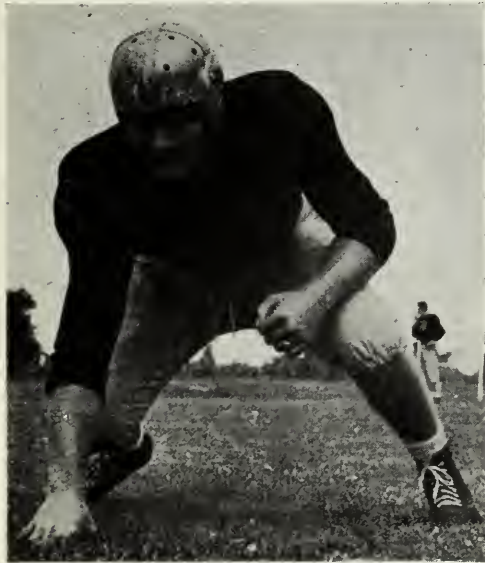
"Norm Wiedersum, varsity grunt and groaner (capt.) pre-conflict, is back and the Sig Ep house has got 'im. There's hardly a door left teetering on its last screws after an encounter—or skirmish—with the Hearty N.W. handclasp. That goes double for Abdo of the football team.

"Bill Liebler is a varsity cheerleader. A bit thin, the lad exercises the precaution of leaving the coat hanger in his uniform in order to make himself appear irresistible to the chicks."

## Expelled

"They are free men, but I am banished."

—SHAKESPEARE



Jerry J. Kubal, tackle on Iowa's first team, played on 1942 squad before serving in the Marines.

Harrison P. Smith, Kentucky Alpha, '48, on August 19, 1946.



# THE CAMPUS

## Campus Census

**T**AKING a backward glance from 1920 to 1940 the enrollments of regular resident college students increased two and a half times, from 598,000 to 1,494,000—an increase vastly more rapid than the increase in total population.

Today economic policies of our society are such that more people are getting more money. With rising wages, more families can afford to have their youth in college, and do have them there in such by no means plentiful cases in which the man holding the pursestrings knows how to spend soberly.

From data obtained from the Veteran Administration, there were a total, recently, of 1,159,000 college students in all the colleges and universities of the country, of which 394,000 were veterans.

## Apprenticeship in Fellowship

Harvard University has issued a significant report, *General Education in a Free Society*, in which was stressed this keynote: "The purpose of all education is to help students to live their own lives."

However, as innumerable reviewers of this work have pointed out, and the JOURNAL has frequently emphasized editorially, college curricula are set up in a manner which bluntly prevents any actual practice in how to live.

Indeed, as the *School Review* states, for young people rightly to live their own lives during youth is to participate, according to their urges and natures, in the several areas of normal human living. "They are to be apprentice members of general society," this publication comments, "apprentices in the ways of human association and intercommunication, apprentices in the ways of intellectual and emotional living."

But how can they be?

The fraternities alone afford "areas of normal human living," as the sociologists phrase it—first-rate ones at that—but far from having the blessing of the colleges, they are still regarded as so many pestiferous growths, harmful to the organism. Unfortunately there is no hope of curing the public of this widespread belief so long as educators themselves cling to it.

## The Poor Professor

Romeyn Berry, columnist of the *Cornell Alumni News*, advises his readers to give their concern to the mere expert who is lacking in bigness and is about to be sifted and measured by boys who have lived fifty years in the last five!

"In the new era that is starting already, most of the returning students," he says, "will have



Kentucky Alpha's "Sig Ep Sheik" float in the University of Kentucky May Day parade.



Dick Lowe finds a new kind of friend as Kentucky Alpha brothers look on.

Pictured with dates at a Kentucky Alpha dinner-dance at Gentry's Mill are, left to right: Dick Lowe, Roger Pate, Wayland Givens, and Wally Morgan.



been in the thing longer and more intimately than had been their great-grandfathers who came back after Appomatox. They will have seen the Five Continents and the Seven Seas, endured every threat to life from dengue fever to flame throwers. And what's a professor going to do about it who is an understanding person? It's his turn now to face the guns and stand up to a class of younger men who have lived longer in four than he has in all his forty-odd. How can he feel properly dogmatic, superior, patronizing, and confident in discussing the basic philosophies of life with youngsters who have seen death through a periscope; dealt death 20,000 feet above the earth? How can he impart the feel of history to callow undergraduates just back from years of making it? It's a pretty bleak outlook for the man who's big enough and understanding enough to be capable of humility.

"Here again, it will doubtless be the students who help the poor professor out. The good ones did that the other time for the older men who remained simple and straightforward. The other time, you could commonly identify the students who carried blue scars on their bodies long before you saw them in the shower baths. These were a little more courteous and respectful than the general run of students, and some of them had the same tact in steering their elders away from error that an old sergeant displayed in guiding an inexperienced captain in whom he detects promising qualities."

## Special

Several women's colleges have decided to enroll men as special day students. Vassar College admitted 38 men for the spring term and many more for the fall term. Sarah Lawrence College, Skidmore College, Russell Sage College, and Finch Junior College have enrolled men within commuting distance.

## Trend Towards Functionality

According to *The Adult Education Journal*, one of the hopeful signs of the post-war era is the increasing attention being given to what may loosely be called "public affairs," including international relations and intercultural education.

The University of Chicago's University College is attracting an ever-larger following owing to the stronger interest encouraged in the broad field of the humanities and the social sciences. According to the recent report, 600 people participate in organized courses in which are read and discovered the great books of western civilization.

The University of Kansas has inaugurated a new plan in its College of Liberal Arts and Sciences whereby freshmen must enroll in a six-hour reading course in "Western Civilization" in order that they may understand American democracy, its European roots, and the present and future role of the United States in world peace.



Rushing Chairman Don Riemenschneider, Iowa Gamma, ponders a rushing matter in his study room.



The Iowa chapter turns out the world's worst imitators of the Andrews Sisters; left to right, Lowell Oesterborg, Don Winkler, and Loraine Davis.

On the sidelines at Worcester Sig Ep softball game.





## ★ PAN HELLENICA ★

### Along Fraternity Row



Dr. Frederick Lawson Hovde, the Phi Delta president of Purdue University derived his acute sense of proportion in part from having been All-Big-Ten quarterback at Minnesota, a Rhodes Scholar, a star at Rugby at Oxford and in the scientific and educational world since his graduation. During World War II he headed the Rocket Research and Development program of the United States.

**H**ERE AND THERE WITH OUR GREEK COUSINS:  
When Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, Delta Tau Delta, was ousted from the Cabinet of President Harry S. Truman, Lambda Chi Alpha, in September, only one Roosevelt appointee remained: Sig Ep Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal. . . . A movie house which stands adjacent to the Imperial Hotel in downtown Tokyo, Japan, has been named the Ernie Pyle Theatre in honor of the late beloved ΣΑΕ war correspondent . . . Undergraduates will again participate (?) in the National Interfraternity Conference, scheduled for the Hotel Commodore in New York City, November 29 and 30, according to preliminary announcement . . . Dartmouth's youthful president, John Sloan Dickey, is a Dartmouth Theta Chi . . . Another Theta Chi is Sammy Kaye of swing-and-sway fame (Ohio, '32) . . . Vermont's Republican U.S. Senator Warren Austin, called by *Life Magazine* "the most constructive of the internationally minded senators," is a Kappa Sigma as is Herbert Block, Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist for the *Washington Post* . . . Sigma Nu is named for an estimated half-million dollars in the will of Wil-

liam P. Yates, University of Pennsylvania Sigma Nu . . .

Hoagy Carmichael, who won acclaim as a film actor in "To Have and Have Not" with a song called, "Hong Kong Blues," plus a voice "like a shaggy dog looks," and a peculiar haircut on the bangs principle, is a Kappa Sigma . . . so is lately retired Dean Christian F. Gauss of Princeton of whom his students during his professional days were wont to chant:

*"Oh here's to Gauss, who knows his stuff  
We liked him though his course was tough;  
But when he's dean we shall delight  
In hating him with all our might." . . .*

Though Oklahoma City boasts no major college campus, its pawnshop windows on April 16, 1946, displayed a considerable number of fraternity pins. The score: In Broadway Pawn Shop, a Theta Delta Chi and an Alpha Tau Omega. In the Globe, a Beta Theta Pi. In Uncle Sam's, a Zeta Tau Alpha. In the Public Pawn Shop, two Beta Theta Pi, one with a large diamond, and an Alpha Tau Omega and a Phi Kappa Psi. In Russell's, a Deke and a Kappa Alpha Theta. . . .

Hot off the grill, the *Cincinnati Post* described quite a feat not long ago in this special dispatch: "Oxford, Ohio.—A college president who can make buckwheat cake turn flip-flops on three girls simultaneously was reported today at Western College."

Fraternities are officially back on the Boston University campus after an absence of nearly three years, following approval of the reorganization of the Interfraternity Conference. Membership is composed of one alumnus and one undergraduate member from each fraternity, instead of two undergraduates, which doesn't seem such a bad idea. . . .

The public relations side of fraternities was given an immeasurable boost in June when the Sunday *New York Times* devoted its entire column, "Education in Review," to a long, lucid, and friendly statement of the fraternity situation. Written by Benjamin Fine, himself a fraternity man and the education editor of this leading daily, it was titled "National Fraternities Prepare for a Record Year With a Broader Working Program" and demonstrated, quite apart from its content, the good sense of the National Interfraternity Conference mentors in getting Fine to accept a place on the Conference Publicity Committee. "Coming through the war crisis successfully, the American college fraternities have emerged stronger than ever," wrote Fine.

### On the Merry-Go-Round

The University of Kansas correspondent to the *Sigma Kappa Triangle* presents an indirect argument why sororities should not be known as

women's fraternities, in her piece for the Spring, 1946, issue of that publication:

"Our rush party particularly was a great hit. Invitations were sent out in the form of bars of music worded 'Swing and Sway the Sigma Way,' and this remained the theme of the party. All joined in the fun of singing old familiar songs as well as Sigma songs, and we thus led to the high point of the evening, which was the Sigma Kappa Wedding. This skit consists of the marriage of Miss Jackson to Mr. Sigma Kappa. The bride, Roberta Hess, in the traditional white dress and veil, came slowly down the stairs of 'Do You Love Me?' sung by the groom, Claire Songile, waiting at the altar, a Sigma Kappa setting. She answered her questions 'I do.' When she reached the altar, the minister, Audrey Stern, read the marriage ceremony and united Miss Jackson to Mr. Sigma Kappa in marriage. Then, while the chapter, forming a triangle around the couple, sang the song through, the bride distributed violets among the rushees. This ceremony made a tremendous impression on the freshmen, most of whom sang snatches of the song for days afterward."

Wisconsin's Dean Emeritus Scott Goodnight shins up Parnassus with a playful limerick:

*"A young Delta Gamma named Hannah  
Once trod on a peel of banana.  
She came down with a squash  
And said, 'Oh, my gosh,  
I'll bet I have delta-ed my gamma!"*

A Navy wife, an Alpha Epsilon Phi, gives her sorority sisters the lowdown on a sundry matter in the pages of the sorority publication, *The Columns*:

"Imagine my joy on finding out that the new engineering O, Ensign Anemic is a married man, whose wife is home with her Mama reproducing an heir—

"Why certainly think I, Mr. Anemic will stay aboard every night saving his pay—dreaming of his wife and new baby.

"Then feature my disappointment—and disillusionment, in discovering that Tyrone Anemic is really quite a roustabout who loves his liberty, and is making hay while the old lady is out of town!"

The University of Oregon's annual campus-wide all-woman show, Co-ed Capers, the work of a Kappa Alpha Theta sophomore, Ann Burgess, bore this candid title: "A Co-ed Schemes for the Man of Her Dreams."

Kappa Delta's correspondent at the University of New Hampshire offers testimony that the same theme prevails on that campus in the following paragraph in *The Angelos*:

"With the return of fraternities in sight, Pan-hellenic has planned a spring dance, on the 'gal gets guy' theme. There will even be the crowning of a King!"

Sorority party department, as reported by the Colorado State chapter of Kappa Delta:

"We dived into the 'social swim' at the beginning of our winter quarter with an undersea open house for all the men on campus. The couples floated around in a veritable ocean rendezvous, while colored fish played hide and seek among the seaweed, and Minnie the Mermaid (she was only a pin-up) guarded the door of Davy Jones' locker."

George Washington University chapter of Kappa Delta:

"Our first party was our favorite 'St. Pete's' party. All girls came dressed as angels, except St. Pete, who wore a white robe and tall black hat."

The Michigan State Alpha Xi Deltas utilize the same theme to the following effect:

"For our term party the Union ballroom was cleverly decorated to carry out the 'Heaven Scent' theme. Hundreds of big and small gold stars were strung, and 'angel's hair' was suspended to represent clouds. M.S.C.'s fictitious mascot, 'Sparty,' was even there—in angel wings!"

The Millsaps College chapter of Kappa Delta:

"At our semester dinner-dance, we chose the theme of 'Varga Girl.' A Varga Calendar for each month was on the walls around the room with green and white streamers coming from each to a huge Kappa Delta Girl on the front wall."

The Monmouth Alpha Xi Deltas:

"Our February picklemix was a farm party at the home of Dorothy Smith, about 17 miles from Monmouth. We chartered a transport truck and Alpha Xis and food were piled in with complete abandon, which was pretty bad for the Waldorf salad."

The Penn State Alpha Omicron Pi co-eds concoct a party idea on a pun:

"Our program was sponsored by 'AO Pies' and our slogan was, 'Judge the product by its ingredients.'"

An item for Pan Hellenica's God-awful Metaphors Department is culled from the *Banta's Greek Exchange* column of Dr. Alvan E. Duerr, Delta Tau Delta:

"The only way out is the one that Lincoln used when he received a complaint that Grant was a whisky addict: wield such an influence on the campus through developing the social competence of our members, and so being a primary educational force, that no one will care how we select them, and will be interested only in the brand of whiskey that seems to be so effective."

★ ★ *Everyone excels in something in which another fails. . . . Do not find your happiness in another's sorrow. . . . If your parent is just, revere him; if not, bear with him.*—PUBLIUS SYRUS.





BRIDGE AT INDIANA ALPHA . . . The boys indulge in their favorite form of relaxation.



Neat, well-designed quarters are conducive to orderly relaxation . . . Iowa Beta at bridge.

## ★ UNDERGRADUATE BULLETINS ★

### ALABAMA ALPHA—Alabama Polytech

[This report, greatly condensed, was dated August 7, and received too late for inclusion in the September issue. Ed.]

The house at 152 North Gay Street is packed, with the dining room running full blast with about 40 of the fellows eating here. The membership at present numbers 32, with a pledge group of 18; bringing the total to 50. Seventeen of our pledges will be formally initiated this summer.

The chapter not only won the football championship, without dropping a single game in their league or play-off games, but licked the interfraternity All-Stars, 18-0. Bill Scruggs, Herbert Fuller, and Herman Lane placed on the All-Star team.

Herbert Fuller and Buddy Cookson represent the Sig Eps in the "A" club varsity letterman society. Fuller made his letter in basketball, Cookson in baseball. E. B. Ray heads the American Society of Agricultural Engineering for the second straight quarter. Jim Bradley, past president, was elected to Squires, sophomore honorary, and is editor of *Tiger Rag*. Jim is the instigator of a radio program, "Spotlight on Auburnites," which has now become a regular feature of Station WJHO. Bruce Jones is associate editor of *Tiger Rag*. Ray Kitchens, chapter comptroller, is president of the local American Society of Electrical Engineers. Clyde Orr, president, and Jack Shuster sit on interfraternity council. —CLYDE ORR

[The following is from the letter of August 15. Ed.]

August 11 witnessed the initiation of 17 pledges: Marvin A. Champion, Charles Whatley, Laurence W. Bell, Kendall Smith, William Thomason, Jack More, Thurman Pace, Ben Kirby, Harvey Watson, Claude Sanson, William Russel, Tom Pitts, John Carden, Charles Hooper, John Long, Alton Hallum, and Edward Wright.

Officers installed at the last meeting: Roger Smith, president; Bill Green, vice-president; Merrill Bradley, comptroller; Jack Schuster, secretary; John C. Anthony, Jr., historian; Jack Bridges, guard; E. B. Ray and Joe Bayless, marshals. Clyde Orr, past president, is representative on interfraternity council.

### CALIFORNIA BETA—University of Southern California

Enlargement of the house has been completed, with remodeling and redecorating done, to accommodate a greatly enlarged chapter—42 house men, 40 town men, and 27 pledges.

A well-rounded program of sports, hobbies, campus and social activities has been encouraged and directed, with the pledges especially being indoctrinated in fraternity customs, traditions, and methods.

On September 15 was held the most recent initiation; thirteen students pledges and an honorary member—Edward Arnold, the screen actor, father of Bill Arnold. The initiates are: Rex Reno, George Hall, Frank Hand, Wayne McCoy, Pete Clower, Harry Constantus, Burt Lowe, Larry Kuhn, Bob Van Buren, Jim Sullivan, Gene Valaer, Joe Arnold, and George Rosso. (Pictures and story of the Arnold initiation appear on another page.)

During the war the sororities of U.S.C. followed a policy of being hostesses for all social functions and campus life revolved largely around their "desserts." To return these courtesies, our chapter is planning one such social event weekly, the Kappa Alpha Thetas and Delta Gammas being among the first to accept our invitations.

Football luncheons are being planned for each of the home games. —WILLIAM BARLOW

### COLORADO BETA—University of Denver

Rush week started on Friday, September 13, with a dance for the rushees given at the Shirley Savoy Hotel. September 18 marked the first of a series of stag parties at the Shirley Savoy, which several alumni attended. A movie was shown and the plans for our new house were presented. A cabin party was held September 23 at the new cabin of Gib Lininger, '12, on Lookout Mountain overlooking Denver. September 29 witnessed a tea for the rushees and their parents at the Kappa Delta house. September 30 marked our pledge dinner at the home of Bill Heusinkveldt. The dinner was prepared by Mothers Heusinkveldt, Easley, White, Trace, Heider, and Smolenske. We also prepared and delivered a dinner to Ted White,

who is confined with polio in the Colorado General Hospital, but is recovering.

The following men pledged: Herbert Crary, Frank Newman, Charles Treusch, Richard Cain, Tom Just, Don White, Jim Svalberg, Guy Calleo, and Ted Miles.

Men returned from the service are: Paul Olson, Fred Kelly, Dick Graves, Armond Nice, and Bob Hodges.

These affiliated members are with us: William G. Reitzer, Colorado Gamma; Barney Leon, Florida Alpha; Ellsworth Young, Wyoming Alpha.

We have mailed cards to all Colorado Beta alumni for whom we have addresses, resulting in a very satisfactory response. We are trying to contact all of them that we may send our new chapter publication, which we intend to publish very soon. Any alumnus reading this article and who has not yet received a card, please send your name and address to the chapter.

Gustav Karlstrom has returned from Sweden, where he went this summer, returning with his high school credits. —JACK R. SMOLENSKE

#### COLORADO DELTA—Colorado School of Mines

With the arrival of the fall semester, 10 new men were soon added as pledges: Floyd Burnside, Corning, N.Y.; Clifford Stockwell, Mount Kisco, N.Y.; Jack Stoddard, Denver; John Mitilineos, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Howard Miller, Eaton; Larry Barret, Colorado Springs; Ellis Akin, Pueblo; Kenneth Paul, Scarsdale, N.Y.; Russel Alstatt, Denver; George Potts, Hartford, Conn.

Last semester's pledge class completed a mock initiation September 14 prior to formal initiation September 28, followed by a banquet in their honor. These men are: Hugh Matheson, Hugh Evans, Keith Davidson, Fred Dueser, Dave Fulton, Bill Muir, John Oxaal, Wesley Johnson, Vern Hooker, Fred Falcone, and Bob Brace.

Among old men back is George Rodgers, who was outstanding in track while in the Navy stationed at Iowa State. Three other boys who returned this summer are Bill Schaffer, Ed Johnson, and Joe Hannum. —M. L. SALINGER

#### D. C. ALPHA—George Washington University

With the inspiration of our annual Founders' Day banquet March 17, 1946, earlier reported in the JOURNAL, D.C. Alpha is getting back on its feet in the post-war college scene. With impetus given by Charles Morse, Illinois Alpha, while he was stationed as a sergeant at Fort Belvoir, members of the alumni met several times during the spring in a classroom at the University to map a program of reactivation.

After a hiatus during the summer, alumni met on September 20 to put the program into being in the home of Harvey Wright, '38. Among those there were Dan Dobson, Bob Daugherty, Edgar Davidson, Merle Schroeder, Vernon Benjamin, Haywood Davis, Randall Gardner, Phil Egan,

Tony Albamonte, Ben Husten, and Tel Culp. D.C. Alpha's alumni board was represented by Charles Funkhouser, '23 and Baxter Smith, '35.

The able hand of Bernard Bradshaw, Pennsylvania Delta, '24, is responsible for D.C. Alpha's new housing facilities—two floors of a house owned by the University at 808 22nd Street, N.W. Bradshaw and Funkhouser are in the process of furnishing these rooms, while other alumni—Bob Daugherty, George Morgan, Vernon Benjamin, Tel Culp, Lee Page, and Fred Kingman among them—are painting walls and sanding floors.

D.C. Alpha is indebted to still another brother from another chapter, Charles Townsend, California Alpha, who has transferred to G.W.U., and who is the son of John Townsend, D.C. Alpha, '20. Charles has shouldered the chief burden of reactivation—rushing.

—ALLEN F. KINGMAN, JR., '44

#### ILLINOIS ALPHA—University of Illinois

Illinois Alpha has not only gotten some flesh on the skeleton, but is now hulking, lively, and overgrown. As of September 22, we have 70 men living in the house, 8 living outside.

Last spring two of the three game rooms on the main floor were partitioned off into study rooms, leaving us just the pool room. These rooms accommodate three and four men. We have added one man to each room on the second and third floors. The chapter was able to buy a large number of new desks, fluorescent study lamps, chairs, and additional beds. The dining room is full.

Candy Jones, Conover model, was the guest of the pledges last June at a barn dance. She was escorted by Vice-president Bill Sandberg for the week-end, and a landslide of publicity resulted. The pledges named Candy the sweetheart of the Pledge Class.

In fall activity, Mike Kasap, Ray Grierson, Bob Wilson, and Chick Maggioli are four of our football players attracting notice. Maggioli is a pledge, and the others are actives, all recently returned from the service.

Art Fairman is senior manager of the Illini Theater Guild, and senior I-F representative; Ken Pickens is junior representative on I-F; Bill Sandberg has his hand in campus politics, and Chuck Delbridge is sophomore manager on Star Course (convocations committee).

Norm Sebastian (ordinarily comptroller) took over duties as fall rush chairman, and our 23 pledges are the result. Gene Smith, our former comptroller, graduated in August after doing a great job of getting the house back on its feet financially.

Officers are Ken Johnson, president; Bill Sandberg, vice-president; Bill Schroeder, secretary; Norm Sebastian, comptroller; Art Fairman, historian.

Pledges: David Allan, Delavan; Dale Arvidson, Chicago; Bob Avery, Chicago; John Baird, Web-



ster Grove, Mo.; Ted Bockman, Evanston; Alvin Blasco; Ray Bushee, Monticello; John Comerford, Joliet; Dick Faber, Mendota; Don Flaherty, Chicago; Bob Galbreath, Akron, Ohio; Russell Gates, Belvidere; Fred Howe, Des Plaines; Ted Kendrick, Melvin; Philip Kretz, Joliet; Donald Lashley, Chicago; Richard Lifvendal, Chicago; Achilles Maggioli, Chicago; Art Moberly, Hammond; Lionel McAleer, Chicago; George McKay, Joliet; Jack Parchmen, Chicago; Bill Pipher, Flossmoor; Charles Phillips, Woodstock; Tom Phillips, Harvey; Jack Runyon, Casey; Bill Sennett, Joliet; Bob Strom, Belvidere; Tom Yates, Woodstock; John Janosk, Chicago.

—ART FAIRMAN

#### IOWA BETA—Iowa State College

Iowa Beta men are continuing a policy of selective pledging, and have a total of 45 pledges. Men pledged the fall quarter are: Stan Moore, Ed Brungraber, Richard Denny, Marvin Wood, Leo Roos, Joseph Webber, Robert Bokram, Robert Cutler, Ted Bruch, William Gohring, Roy Demrick, Gene Hulbert, Robert Huber, Harry Kraus, Joseph B. Wilford, Donald E. Osgood, Leon Vaughn, Robert H. Lamb, Robert F. Higgins, Andrew P. Shaltanis, Thomas H. Maxwell, Rollin C. Ives, Leslie Lewis.

The chapter has reached the fulltime strength of 95 with the returning of the following prewar actives this quarter: Walt Hammond, Keith Nelson, Harvey Berke, Art Cornell, Ed Cunningham, Jack Lynch, Noel Willis, Jack Tebbins, Chuck Spangler, Gene Schmitz, Hudson Dobson, J. R. Miller, William Tiller, Dave Weber, and Herb Rees.

All attention is centered on the big Founders' Day reunion to be held Homecoming, October 25, 26 and 27. Starting off the big event will be a stag party in Des Moines the evening of the 25th, for all alumni, actives, and pledges. A full evening of entertainment is planned. The afternoon of the 26th everyone will go to the homecoming game with the University of Oklahoma. That evening will be a dance at the Country Club in Ames, which will be followed by breakfast Sunday morning in the chapter house, winding up what should be a memorable event.

Bob Axthelm was elected president of the *Bomb* publication board, college yearbook. Our chapter started the social program going by being the first fraternity on the campus to hold a serenade.

Plans are being made for a wide and varied field of intramural activities this fall, and we are expecting a very successful season this fall.

Because of the serious housing shortage, and our large membership, many of our members are living in rooms near the house.

—HERBERT L. REES

#### IOWA GAMMA—University of Iowa

On September 16 we opened with 39 actives and 5 pledges on the roll. Within a few days the



"That Stolen Plaque," purloined from the Alpha Chi Omega girls of the University of Iowa (a crime unsolved for more than a year), is held by two of the guilty—Eichacker (left) and Grothus.

program of renovating the house was practically completed, demonstrating a fine brand of manual co-operation.

Rushing Chairman Don Riemenschneider promptly renewed the deferred pledging program instituted at Iowa last summer by the Interfraternity Council. Of the nearly 9,000 students enrolled in the University, there were 700 men registered at the Council desk who expressed fraternity interest. The long process of meeting as many of these men as possible still progresses. Housing difficulties doubtless will make it necessary to require the pledges we do pin to live in the government housing units during this semester.

In the touch football department, Jack Scanlan has organized a team for the coming interfraternity competition. When interviewed by this scribe, Jack said that all this hokus-pokus really wasn't necessary, because his team will be built-to-win. He authorized the press to quote him as saying, "With the Sig Ep team under the guidance of Scanlan the other fraternities haven't a chance." Hmmm!

Noble Jorgensen is still with us, already looking forward to the coming varsity basketball season. Other prewar members in the house are: James Hausler, Edward Naramore, Jack Scanlan, and Keith Stinson.

Secretary John Bressler, forced to drop school, is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital at Omaha, Neb. Pending election of new officers in October, President Don McDowell appointed Ralph Brown as secretary pro-tem. He likewise appointed a committee composed of Donald Winkler, Howard Falk, Noble Jorgensen, and Edward Naramore to publicize Sigma Phi Epsilon on the campus and to co-ordinate our activities at this season's home football games.

Bob Phillips and Don Winkler have been selected by the varsity Pep Club.

Social Chairman Robert Jones has undertaken

plans for this year's Homecoming week-end in November, and is also working on this year's first chapter party. The major item of interest in the social realm at present is the past summer's epidemic of marriages within the active ranks. (See Married section.)

There were a few of us left who stayed safely in school through the summer session and went canoeing.

—GLENN E. SATTERLY

#### KANSAS ALPHA—Baker University

Kansas Alpha was open during the war in a very small way, having only four men during the war years. November, 1945, brought two of the men back: Bob Findlay and Bill Wright, who, although they weren't in school, stayed here, helping on the house, painting rooms. Bill Beck was the next one, closely followed by Bill Holloway. Rex Gray came in about a month later as a pledge. January saw the largest number of them coming back with Kenneth Kitchen, Bill Neal, Gordon Welch, Kenneth Poppe, James Cross, "Fritz" Swaney, Dean Hatfield, and Melvin Schwartz. With this nucleus, we elected officers, electing Bill Neal, president, Bill Wright, vice-president; Bob Findlay, comptroller; Bill Holloway, secretary and historian; and Bill Beck, pledgemaster and rush captain. For ceremonial officers, Kenneth Kitchen and Dean Hatfield were made marshals and "Fritz" Swaney guard.

With the organization set up, we proceeded to start pledging the best men on the campus: Bill Biggerstaff, Jack Baker, Jack Bowerman, Dale Mosslander, Norman Winter, Curtis Marrs, and George Mansour. This pledging and ensuing initiation six weeks later, was accomplished despite all the confusion caused by the complete remodeling of the house, financed by alumni loans and contributions by all the boys while they were in service.

In this reconstruction, the stairway was taken out and a new one put in the center of the house. In place of the old staircase, two big rooms were built. All walls in the hallways and downstairs rooms, dining room and music room were celotexed. This made the entire first floor, except the kitchen in celotex.

A new kitchen and a new room for the house-mother were built. Then all floors except the living-room floor and the floors in the individual rooms, were sanded and refinished. A new bathroom, complete with showers and wash basins, was built on second floor. All this work was beset with all kinds of difficulties, such as labor difficulties and shortage of materials. The chapter achieved a 1.50 index in scholastic standing.

In extracurricular affairs we held our place. Fritz Swaney became the first president of the Veterans' Organization and member of the Spanish Club; Bill Neal, member of Student Commission and the band; Bill Wright, BUAA officer; Bill Holloway, member of the band and summer choir; Bob Findlay, BUAA officer, track coach,

president of the senior class; Dale Mosslander, Bob Findlay, Curtis Marrs, Bill Biggerstaff and Bill Beck were on the track team; Bill Beck and Jack Bowerman were on the basketball squad.

During the war, the financial end of this chapter was handled very ably by Dick Southall while the other alumni work was handled mostly by Fred Price and Tom Neal. The *War Whoop*, the paper to all the Sig Eps in the service during the war, was edited by Bill Robins.

Prospects for next semester are for 13 actives and 22 pledges in the house and 10 outside.

—W. W. HOLLOWAY

#### KANSAS BETA—Kansas State College

The first social function of this chapter, since moving back in the house June 1, was a revival of summer parties. Our party, held July 27, was an informal dance at the chapter house, with about 75 of the fellows back, and 15 or 20 prospective rushees in attendance. Richard M. Sears, governor of District XIII, was present for the party and the meeting Sunday morning, July 28.

Rushing prospects are almost too good. Our house can accommodate 40, and we have about 30 old boys coming back.

—DOUGLAS E. GARY

A nucleus of 12 actives and 15 pledges who were either with us before the war or were pledged last spring, constitute Kansas Beta manpower, while 19 live in town. Also 24 new men were pledged during rush week in September. Two days before rush week we elected Ralph Woertendyke as our new president because Ralph Krey decided at the last minute to give in to Cupid. At present we have 43 men in the house with a total chapter of 70.

—BOB MUCHOW

#### KENTUCKY ALPHA—University of Kentucky

Kentucky Alpha began the fall term at the University of Kentucky with 50 actives, the largest number ever to return to the chapter at the beginning of a school year. Although 8 actives from last year's chapter did not return, the number of returning ex-servicemen filled the quota.

Actives from the armed services are Dorsey Lindner, Karl Christ, Richard Walker, Harrison Bailey, James Ed Abell, Gene McMurray, Joe Ballard, Walter Hines, and George Kirchner.

James Maynard and Eto Halstead were drafted into the armed services; Lewis Bean and Jewell Browning transferred to Western Kentucky State Teachers' College and the University of Oklahoma, respectively; William Cooper, William Bradley, William Gwillim, and Frank Young dropped from school. Roger Pate replaced Frank Young as comptroller after Young dropped from school.

With more than 6,600 students enrolled at the University—most of them men—all 18 fraternities were actively engaged in rush week activi-





Worcester Polytech Sig Eps, summer term, 1946.

ties September 21-28. Kentucky Alpha pledged 20 men after holding three rush parties which included a wiener roast, a buffet supper, and an informal party and dance.

Most of the active chapter returned to the University a week before the term began and spent the time cleaning, painting, and repairing the dining hall and kitchen preliminary to the serving of meals, a service which has not been offered for nearly five years. The dining-room was opened September 30 and there are 32 men eating.

Twenty-two actives were enrolled in summer school and these men entertained with several social affairs which included beach parties and one informal dance which was held at the chapter house. Clay Salyer was president for the summer term, replacing Cornell C. Clarke, who returned home for summer vacation. One pledge, Robert Leo Andrejunas, Manchester, N.H., was initiated in August.

—JAMES LEE WOOD, JR.

#### MASSACHUSETTS BETA—Worcester Polytechnic

One of the strongest chapters on the hill, we initiated 14 pledges September 8: Al Carr, Joe Skidmore, Al Swenson, Will Applegate, Roy Alvey, Ed Carpenter, Fred Besselievre, John Williams, Walter Allen, Harry Mochon, Norm Taylor, Chester Anderson, Orlando Foss, Willen Davison.

Pledges: Milt Jordon, Gordon Keller, Jimmie Kerr, Grant Schleicht, Harry Newell, Bill Jacques, Clif Nickerson, and Larry Hine. (These are soon to become brothers.)

Many more veteran brothers have returned: Al Riedel, Russ Norris, and Jape Hyde—all former

Navy; Ken Scott and Bob Smith, Army; and Marine Al Talboys. Also returning are Glenn From, Bob Carlson, and Sherm Brickett, who were given a one-term breather by the Institute. Active total strength is 58.

This large group has naturally caused a serious housing shortage, but through the efficient job accomplished by the housing committee, with Kirby Weathersby as chairman, enough accommodations have been found close by the chapter house to take care of the overflow.

During the summer two intramural softball tournaments were played with Sig Ep producing two fine teams in each, one of the actives and the other the pledges. The actives in both challenges placed second, losing the championship by heartbreaking defeats in both finals.

Many informal record dances have been enjoyed throughout the summer. We had several dances inviting Theta Kappa Phi Fraternity as our guest, returning their generous house party invitations. A pledge dance filled one weekend bill. The house rooms were gayly decorated with the chapter colors, and the couples danced to soft music; a peanut hunt topped off the evening. The highlight of the season was the junior formal held on the weekend of September 28, including a Friday evening banquet followed by dancing in the college auditorium, a Saturday picnic, and attendance at the production *Whispering in the Dark*.

Graduation was held on October 19, 1946, for Art Rosenquest, Skull and house manager, Dave Wright, former chapter president, and Dick Propst. Dave Stuart transferred to Rhode Island State, where unfortunately we have no chapter.

Massachusetts Beta's 40th anniversary convoca-

tion was held November 2 and attended by many alumni. Visitors during the last few months include Frank Baumgartner, Bob Schlegel, Al Kirschbaum and wife, Steve Anthony, Ed Johanson, Dick Allen, Joe Gibson, John Orcutt, Roger Brown, Roger French, Tex Carson, Bruce Stone, and Frank Mueller.

—KEN LYONS

#### MISSISSIPPI BETA—Mississippi State College

Plans were set forth last spring for the construction of 12 fraternity houses on the campus, but that's about as far as it has gone. The suggested plan was for the construction of \$20,000 houses, the fraternities paying half, the College half, by an appropriation presumably to come out of the Meach bill, still up before Congress.

We'll have houses by September, 1947, if the bill becomes law. Right now, though, all we have is a chapter room in a college hall. Its smallness is a handicap, especially in matters of pledge training and beneficial association with them.

The campus groups are all in the same boat, though, and fraternities continue to exist. Mississippi Beta has two new initiates: Clarence Black, Marks, and Froggy Moore, Augusta, Ga.—both of whom are members of the football team and of the M Club.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA—University of Nebraska

The 40 men pledged are developing into an outstanding class. With the 80 returning actives, we have the largest membership in Nebraska Alpha history, 120 men of whom 59 live in.

Actives: John Adams, Robert Alig, Ted Anderson, Rick Ayotte, Kenny Aukerman, Norman Bahr, Kenny Barta, Dick Battles, Tom Bauer, Ray Beamond, Fred Bean, Floyd Blanchard, Victor Bradshaw, Austin Burch, Jack Busby, Bob Busby, Forrest Christensen, Ted Chuman, Wayne Clough, Denny Cochran, Craig Cole, Bob Conrad, Charles Cook, Hugh Cooke, Neale Copple, Charles Dickey, Gene Dixan, Carson Doering, Walter Dorothy, Eugene Elward, Larry France, John Fahrlander, Francis Flaherty, Kenneth Fletcher, Dick Folda, Marvin Franklin, Dick Gelwick.

Also Bob Gembol, John Golden, John Greene, Paul Hanson, Vernon Hill, Bill Irwin, Galen Jackson, Donald Jay, Bob Johnson, Raymond Koubek, Jim Kratochvil, Harold Largen, Edwin Lawson, Jim Liggett, Ernest Luther, Bill Lyon, Harold McNeely, Keith Mauck, Dean Messman, Raymond Miller, Dick Miller, Bill Mook, Don Moore, Don Munson, Darrell O'Connor, John Ogden, Al Osborn, Boden Portwood, Dave Portwood, Dale Preston, James Riley, Dick Seagren, Ralph Sears, Dean Skokan, Dick Smith, Casper Theisen, Jerry Tyner, Harry Wagner, Tad Ward, Charles Williams, Wayne Wickenkamp, Henry Wasik, and Bill Thompson.

Pledges: Martin Almquist, John Anderson, James Berryman, Herbert Bourks, John Brower, Leon Brown, Norm Capsey, Lyle Carter, Gene

Christiansen, Lon Cochran, Jack Dolan, Floyd Cornelius, Bernard Dennis, Bob Graves, Glendall Hatton, Bill Hunter, Keith Jobes, Bob Kratochvil, Mel Kugler, Joe Loisel, Tom Loisel, Bill McBroom, Bob McMasters, Dave Myers, John Mueri, Stanley Perry, Virgil Lingenfelter, Harlan Powley, Conrad Rennemann, Arb Ramey, Larry Rider, Jack Russell, Leonard Seagren, Fred Shaw, Terry States, Ed Stone, Jerry Toogood, John Weddel, Charles Wilson, and John Woodruff.

In intramural sports, we have played two touch-football games, winning both. The "Jack Best" trophy is given to the fraternity that shows best in all intramural sports for the year.

Our house was open last summer during summer school and the members did a lot of work redecorating and fixing up the house. Among other things we fixed up a club room and renovated the first floor.

Plans are being laid for our annual homecoming breakfast dance. This is held on the morning of the homecoming football game and is one of the outstanding social events of the campus. We enjoy one or two hour dances with sororities each weekend.

—RICHARD MILLER

#### NEW YORK ALPHA—Syracuse University

The returned men are a conservative gang—evidence: their study-room windows facing the



Buster, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Great Dane, shows his joy at meeting Brother Richard Robbins during a Sunday afternoon stroll, with a big friendly hug which might have come from a bear instead of a dog. Margaret Haber, Richard's girl friend, is happy she isn't receiving this New York Alpha affection.



Alpha Phi sorority have the shades lowered.

Bill Thun, recently returned, a gifted drummer, holds down the skin slot in the grooviest orchestra in these parts.

Ken Sterling, former house president, is steward and gets along quite famously with the cook, Mme. Trexel, I hear.

Ted Circuit was assigned to the chairmanship of the soph hop over much more experienced talent.

Our mascot Buster (pedigreed Great Dane, gift of the Rev. Carmichael) receives a thorough news coverage in the *Daily Orange* and in local dailies. Buster stands about ten hands high, is gentle and is much loved by one and all.

Avery B. Dillé, Mississippi Beta, '39, visited with us for a few days in October.

The new office of chapter photographer has been accepted by Tony Chevins.

Ted Shackleton and Jim LaDue, fraternity artists, are doing a mad job of work in the *chiaroscuro* dept. (Sample reproduced elsewhere.)

This stately home of Syracuse is the scene of a regular Sunday afternoon jam party at which most of the local musical illuminati perform.

Rip Emerick is up at Archbold gym sealing up a spot on the first-string basketball team.

Frank Gordonier is circulation manager of the *Daily Orange*.

Cross-country finds Dick Miller running his 10 or 12 miles daily.

Frank DiCarlo participates in varsity soccer.

—ROGER ANTHONY BURGOS

#### NEW YORK GAMMA—New York University

Fall semester started with these 30 actives: Joseph J. McCauley, Robert C. Leunig, Louis George Roscher, Constantine Nickou, George E. Wolf, Walter K. McEnaney, Walter S. White, L. Gillis Long, Gilbert Kretzer, William B. Dickinson, Arnold C. Miller, William H. Schofield, Harry A. Berchtold, Alfred Ricciardi, Jr., Kenneth J. Searles, Donald R. Estrup, Richard D. Lupke, Walter N. Colton, Joseph A. Otto, Gunther Pohl, Herbert R. Meyer, Gordon V. Derian, Angelo Clemente, John A. Woolf, Charles J. Grant, Jr., Philip N. Spina, Philip J. Leto, W. Luke Moore, Al Kegler, and Thomas J. Thornton.

Two brothers are doing practice teaching this year: Walter K. McEnaney, industrial arts at Freeport High School, Freeport, Long Island; and Gunther Pohl, history, at Washington Irving High School, New York.

Alfred Ricciardi, Jr., continues his work with the office of university broadcasts.

Joseph Otto, Charles Grant, and Thomas Thornton are on the staff of the Washington Square College Library.

Arnold Miller and Dick Lupke had an interesting tour during the summer through New England, New York, and Pennsylvania, visiting many of the chapter houses.

George R. Freund, '43 returned from England at the end of August after a six-month business

stay, with side trips to Paris and Amsterdam. George and family now reside at Short Hills, N.J. During a visit to Washington in September, George Wolf visited the chapter house at George Washington University. He has been appointed an inspector of elections on the election board of his district in Nassau County, in the state of New York.

Philip Spina and Philip Leto were appointed rushing leaders during a special chapter meeting August 10, which day witnessed a mid-summer reunion of actives to welcome Seaman Second Class Bob Hakusa home on leave from the Naval Training Center at Bainbridge, Md. Arnold Miller is social chairman, while Louis Guglielmo is pledge supervisor.

The only thing keeping our chapter out of a house now is a floundering O.P.A.

—GEORGE E. WOLFE

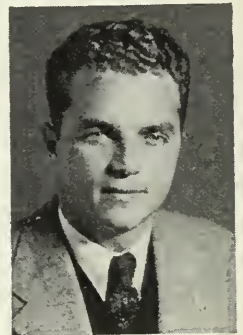
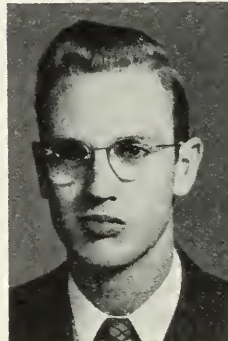
#### NORTH CAROLINA ZETA—Wake Forest College

With the coming of the fall term to the campus of Wake Forest College came approximately 1,000 veterans of World War II, to swell the enrollment of the college to a record-breaking 1,900. Many of these are old fraternity men, returning to again fill the chapter houses so that they might continue their education interrupted by the war. **Returning men are:** Harold Hoke, Bill Wilson, Fred Turnage, Olin Reed (Fred and Olin are law students and charter members), John Hardaway, Milton Lowe, Fred Strickland, Bill Parham, Gordon Cherry, Bob Walden, Wylie Yarbough, Doug Elam, Jim Henry, Joe Christian, and De Witt Caston.

Bill McLean, Wayne Cashion, and Bob Maready recently left for the service.

Last year the fraternity was the first on the campus to set up a dining-room, which is flourishing under the supervision of Mrs. H. G. Bid-dell and Bedford W. Black, who are doing a superb job.

Of the men here last term, Archie Nesbitt is coaching athletics at Apex; Rogers Chenault is attending Columbia Bible College in Columbia,



Parley A. King, Jr. (left), editor of the 1947 Wake Forest annual, the *Howler*, and Mike Thompson, business manager of the 1947 Wake Forest annual.

S.C.; Bob Robbins has a job in West Virginia, and Henry Register also has remained home as a result of acquiring a good job; Herman Williams has transferred to N. C. State College; and Bob Swain has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps.

Recent visits to the chapter include ones by Bobby Creech, James O. Bonds, and Hayward Smith. Creech attended the Debutante Ball recently held in Raleigh, and Bonds and Smith were here for a weekend.

In various elections held on the campus since the beginning of the term, Sig Eps have assumed diverse offices. Parley A. King, Jr., and Mike Thompson are 1947 editor and business manager, respectively, of the Wake Forest yearbook, *The Howler*. Ernest Chappell is the new president of the senior class; Bill Robbins and Paul Canady, as editor and business manager, respectively, head the W. F. weekly newspaper, *Old Gold and Black*; Paul Bell is the new business manager of *The Student*, W. F. College magazine. In Little Theatre, Bill King is new president, Wylie Yarbough, vice-president; Paul Canady, treasurer; librarian, Willie Juran; and stage manager, Gordon Cherry. George Stamps is secretary of the student body and also of the Veteran's Club.

The officers for the chapter for the fall term are: President, Dick Gallimore; vice-presidents, Wylie Yarbough and Eldridge Thigpen; historian, Parley A. King, Jr.; secretary, George Stamps; and comptroller, Dick Mitchell.

—PARLEY A. KING, JR.

#### OKLAHOMA ALPHA—Oklahoma A & M

A gang of eager beavers redecorated and remodeled at Oklahoma Alpha during the summer. Headed by Wee Willie Seikel, a stern taskmaster, a huge job has been completed in excellent shape in a minimum of time and expense. All work upon the house has been done by members of the fraternity.

By September 1, 46 actives had returned.

Our representation in campus offices is unexcelled by any other fraternity. The jobs held include Editor, *Aggievator*, the college humor magazine; president, Pi Tau Sigma, national engineering honorary; president, American Society of Industrial Engineers; president, Student Federalists; president and past-president, Engineering Society; past-president, Press Club; president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, Pi Epsilon Pi, national pep club; vice-president, Aggie Society, and secretary of same; secretary-treasurer, Interfraternity Council (the only elective office of that body); leader and business manager, the major college dance band; reporter, Block and Bridle Society; sports and art editors of *Aggievator*; and three members of Blue Key national honor fraternity.

Oklahoma Alpha's famed Bowery Brawl led off the social season on the campus on September 28, the evening after Aggieband's champion gridders brought home the Arkansas razorback bacon.

—HAL HAZELRIGG and T-BONE McDONALD

#### OKLAHOMA BETA—University of Oklahoma

The 15 charter members of Oklahoma's new Beta chapter got off to a hampered but successful rush, pledging 30 men. With a transfer from Baker University, 46 is the house total.

Local alumni, including District Governor Tom Sexton, Oklahoma Alpha, Les Rice, Missouri Alpha, and Gene Edmondson, Iowa Gamma, worked furiously during the summer to arrange a loan to purchase a three-story brick house. This was acquired September 1 when members moved in with several families, including the former owner, who could not find other quarters.

Members gradually closed in on remaining families forcing them from part of the second floor and the whole basement into two rooms in the basement. The last family moved out September 13.

Rush started September 5, being aided by Field Secretary Ted Bush, who gave the members a number of rush pointers. Grand Secretary Bill Hindman and Senior Grand Marshal Bill Smolenske also visited the new house.

Other visitors include J. A. Carter, Oklahoma Alpha; B. G. McCall, Kansas Gamma; Jim Had-dock, Norman; Frank Jones, Howard White, G. S. Tinsley, and C. D. Snyder, Oklahoma City Alumni.

Extensive work has been done on the house and more is planned. All rooms have been painted, the floors sanded, varnished, and waxed. Future plans call for landscaping both the back and front yards.

The huge job of establishing a new chapter has been ably directed by our president, Quinton Peters, aided by the local alumni members.

Pledges are: John Alexander, Hartford, Ark.; Edwin D. Andrews, Grove; Jeff Clark, Boswell; Howard Cotner, Altus; James Carter, Woodward; John O. Denbo, Claremore; Dennis Downing, Oklahoma City; Martin Feely, Tulsa; James C. Frazier, Hominy; Frank Hager, Dumas, Tex.; Dale Haas, Ft. Gibson; Gordon Hillhouse, Avant; Howard Holmes, Oklahoma City; Donald Edwin Johnson, Carter; Donald Earl Jones, Great Falls, Mont.; Clayton Lee, Oklahoma City; Edwin C. Lindenberg, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Harold L. Lowe, Walters; Hobart Luppi, West Haven, Conn.; C. Harold Miller, St. Louis; Robert A. Milnar, Haynesville, La.; Jack R. Nobles, Oklahoma City; Donald Parrott, Oklahoma City; Edwin Pence, Oklahoma City; James Rodgers, Holdenville; Wayne N. Rucker, Joe Schmitz, and Don Snyder, all of Oklahoma City, George Souris, St. Louis, and Lorenzo E. Stephenson, Headrick.

—CHARLES CLARK

#### OKLAHOMA GAMMA—University of Tulsa

With the increase in college enrollment and demand for larger and better fraternities, Oklahoma Gamma is on its way. Having started with fifteen charter members, we now have twenty good active pledges. Under the leadership of



Pledge Supervisor Nelson Terrill and Pledge President J. C. King, they promise well.

Pledging began with parties in August at the homes of Grand Historian Larkin Bailey and Alumnus Robert G. Fry, while the Eastern Oklahoma Alumni Association gave a party at the home of Cavanaugh Bush.

September 3 and 5 marked our formal rushing with two rush parties held at the Chi Omega Lodge. With the outstanding work of the social committee headed by Jack Hale and the rush committee headed by Jack Crudup, we enjoyed a rush week of crown quality. Parties in which a cake with the Sig Ep emblem on top of it was rolled out and cut by President Bob Harmon visibly impressed many.

We regret that one of our charter members, George Weaver, outstanding tenor in the Music School, has transferred to the University of Denver. However we feel sure he will be an asset to the Sig Ep chapter there.

Chairman Bill Baker is getting a team in shape for our participation in a touch football tournament with the other five fraternities.

Election of pledge officers was held with J. C. King as president with Jack Henderson, vice-president, Grant McCullough, comptroller, Austin Boyd, secretary, and William Junk, social chairman.

—JOHN A. HAYES

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA—University of Pennsylvania

In the fall of 1945, 9 Sig Eps were on the campus and, as school started, 3 were living in the house. This fall 24 men were living in at the start of classes, and our list of actives stood at 45.

This wide difference in the state of affairs as far as manpower is concerned is to be seen in all parts of fraternity life. In November, 1945, the house was still in the sad state of repair incurred by the Army. When school started this fall, the outside of the house had just been painted, and the interior papering, painting and floor refinishing of last year gave the house a well-kept look that made every member want to do more to improve its appearance. With every room occupied by two men, no part of the house looked barren and un-lived-in as it had.

Initiated last May were 17 men: Robert Wynne of Maple Shade, N.J.; Edgar A. Waite, Jr., Glenside; John R. Vogdes, Philadelphia; Otto Philip Steinhoff, Jr., Plymouth Meeting; Donald M. Singer, Jr., Medford, N.J.; Charles R. Shubert, Philadelphia; George W. Mauer, Jr., Holyoke, Mass.; Ronald W. Markley, Norristown; Eugene H. Knopp, Chapman, Kan.; Louis Karydakis, Washington, D.C.; James S. Jackson, Rutledge; Bruce E. Howden, Jr., of Havertown; Fred R. Harlow of Edwardsville; Ralph H. Foulds, Scarsdale, N.Y.; James Donaldson, Philadelphia; Michael Bulischak, Stratton, Ohio; Earl F. Brown, Cumberland, Md.

These officers were elected in May: Lou Errick-

son, president; Elmer Gray, vice-president; Bob Powell, secretary; Joe Gilhooly, comptroller; George Ziegler, historian; Chuck Elzey, guard; Hank Smeltzer, senior marshal; Spike Wirtz, junior marshal.

Men returned to school from the service are: Woody Sheip, Bill Kent, Norm Hulme, John Harvey, Chick Hall, Hank Goudy, Chiz Fischer, Warren Bell, and Bill Alexander.

During the summer ten men lived in the house, five attending the summer session (Penn cut out its three-full-semesters-a-year program) and the others being alumni who were working in the city. Baker was here to perform his regular duties as house man, but the table was not operated. Baker's two-week vacation at the close of the summer session was spoiled by his having to spend ten days in the hospital for an operation.

Elmer Gray and George Ziegler, as members of the men's cabinet of the Christian Association, were able to be counselors at the first Freshman Camp since the fall of 1942. At Green Lane they made the invaluable contacts with freshmen that mean so much during rushing.

Rushing this year takes place during the first and second weeks in December. With the interest in all phases of school activity displayed this year by upperclassmen and freshmen alike, it promises to be a very good season. With Chuck Elzey as our rushing chairman, we should find our results at least as good as last year.

—GEORGE ZIEGLER

#### PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON—Lehigh University

Lehigh Sig Eps have just seen their best semester since the war. Twenty-eight actives and 6 pledges, all but 7 of whom live in the chapter house, plus 10 old men expected, will swell our numbers to well-above prewar size.

Returning for the first time since their discharge were Jack Nere, Gene Holben, Lee Hoyt, Bob Sentz, Jack Christie and Dick Dunn.

Pledged in the last rushing period were Bill Fox, Eric Chemnitius, Frank Ward, Pete Fenger, Charles Loepkey, and Jack Keefe. Few, if any



Lehigh Sig Eps and friends (rookie players) after a game not called by rain.

pledges will be taken in this fall because of the lack of space.

Our only representative in varsity athletics during the summer months was Charlie Loepkey, third baseman for the Lehigh nine. The house bowling team reached the quarter-finals in bowling before they were edged out of the race. Gene Holben, Dick Gretz, Dick Vosbury, and Bill Elliott have gone out for J-V football.

The big job of redecorating and securing additional furniture was begun several months ago. During the war, funds were not available to make many necessary repairs and replace worn furniture which has resulted in a large backlog of work to be done. Things are beginning to take shape again, however, with the complete renovation of the first floor and the addition of a new set of living-room furniture.

Between semesters, the long-awaited Lehigh Reunion was held for the first time since the war, being attended by 25 alumni. Two weeks later a rushing picnic was held at the home of Ed Thevenet, president of the alumni association.

Scholastically, the house exceeded the fraternity and university average last semester with an average of 2.2, based on a 4 point high system. Dave Emery, house vice-president, was pledged to Tau Beta Pi, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity.

—JOHN A. CHRISTIE

#### PENNSYLVANIA LAMBDA—Westminster College

School has not yet started, but the outlook for this coming term is quite promising. Sixty actives and pledges are returning and all but several of these men having served with Uncle Sam.

The house, which is to be repainted and refurbished, will have the kitchen and dining-hall open again after a four-year lapse.

Chal Zech was elected to the sports editorship of the Westminster student publication, *The Holcad* and Sig Ep members of the sports staff are Dick Downing, George Lanning and Leonard Harding. Joe DeMoise was elected president of the "Block W" club, varsity lettermen's organization. Sig Ep Edward Kuseck is the vice-president. Sig Eps membership for this club is 17 out of 20 in the organization.

The chapter has leased the lot adjoining the house to Westminster College for the purpose of building veterans houses to accommodate 15 married veterans. Married Sig Eps residing in these apartments are: William McChesney, Richard Newton, and Joe Mastro.

—CHAL ZECH

#### TEXAS ALPHA—University of Texas

The chapter house has been remodeled, new furniture has been installed, the bathrooms repaired, the walls papered, and the floors refinished.

The chapter is beginning the fall semester with more than 80 members and pledges, and we expect to approach 108 by the end of the year. Old members who have just returned include Bill



Frank Faulkinberry, Tennessee Alpha ex-GI, shows his "campus medals"; he is an engineering student.

Ables, Tom Aderhold, Chuck Chambers, John Cutler, Ralph Finklea, Ira Golden, Hal Harris, Zeh Hurlburt, Don Kirk, Bill Lofland, Stuart MacGregor, Gene Marwill, Joe Peacock, Bob Peck, Everett Pittman, Jimmy Railey, Bruce Ramsey, Harry Steincamp, Bob Vickers, and Grady Webster.

Members of the current pledge class are Bob Ables, Ted Barrett, Hugh Christianson, Julian Feild, Orville Finch, Grover Howell, Bob Huchingson, Bert Lepley, Elmer McClain, George Maxwell, Edwin McMackin, Weldon Miller, John Moore, Don Pullen, Louie Owens, Allen Rundell, Fred Stephens, Dan Stuart, Connie Swenson, Tommy Thomson, and Jimmy Winters.

Since the semester has hardly begun, there is little to report in the way of intramural, social events, etc. The Dallas alumni had a large party on October 12, at which time members from three chapters were in town for football games.

The following committee chairmen have been appointed for this semester: intramurals, Tom Aderhold and Ed Ramey; social, George Bailey and Frank Martino; scholastic, Ira Golden; rushing, Virgil Williams. Dick Stacey is pledgemaster, assisted by Norman Utter. Interfraternity Council representatives are Bill Holloway, Bill Ables, and Bill Pullen.

Recent visitors to Austin include Ed Balliew, Carl Dillard, Pat McCarty, Arthur Moers, Bobby Moers, and Preston Staats.

Our thanks to the Austin alums and Mrs. Marvin Turner for their help in renovating the house.

—RALPH KLEYMEYER, JR.

#### VERMONT BETA—Middlebury College

The house is filled with men back from all sorts of summer activities, including Bob Hoaglund, Stew Chapin, Bob Boucher, Bill Weeks, Ulysses Mocas, Jack Barry, Dick Caswell and Pete McKee who, unlike most, spent a busman's





Hank Caswell, Vermont Beta, with the "Red Rocket" in Times Square, New York.

holiday attending Middlebury's summer session.

In an old town fire engine (vintage 1917) Dick and Hank Caswell toured New York City on a good will spree.

Work on a Winter "Snow Bowl," deep in the Green Mountains on our Mountain Campus had a good share of Sig Ep support during July and August, some of it contributed by Bart Nourse, Jack Valentine, and Don Henderson.

Rolly Boucher was medalist in the Vermont State amateur golf tournament and promises to be a strong man on Midd's golf team.

The management of the house, in the hands of comptroller Phil Deane, is well under control. Food is excellent. A job of interior decorating has begun. Meanwhile rush season approaches.

—BOB HARRIS

#### WEST VIRGINIA BETA—University of West Virginia

A new fraternity house has been secured by West Virginia Beta, possession to be taken about the first of the month after the present tenants are deposed. Some of the boys have moved in already. The house that is being used at present will continue to be used as an annex to the new house.

Football practice will begin next week. Incidentally, the Sig Eps were defeated in the finals for the softball championship.

Two of our brothers hold important campus positions. Edward Lake is the business manager of the yearbook, *The Monticola*, and Robert Pierson is editor-in-chief of the *Athaneum*, University daily.

Twenty new pledges have been accepted and 10 more are expected, for a total of 30. Pledge meetings began last week.

The following named men are back with the Sig Eps after having served in the armed forces: Monty Allen, Bob Boomer, Aaron Browning, Bob Dunning, Warren Gould, Charles Hinkle, Jordan Pappas, Bob Pierson, Walter Rhodes, Richard Tatterson, Hugh Vooress, and Orlin Vooress.

—CHARLES R. WARD, JR.

#### WISCONSIN BETA—University of Wisconsin

Fall witnessed 30 actives and 10 pledges on the roll. Wisconsin's record enrollment of over 18,000—makes an inviting picture to fraternities.

Our summer activities were a little slow, although periodic meetings and picnics kept the boys in contact. One bright spot in our summer gatherings was a picnic at Art Kull's home in Lake Geneva. It was the first chance for many of the oldtimers to get together since prewar days. Some of the boys present were Phil Derse, Harland Klipstein, Harold Weiss, Cris Steinmetz, Max Herman, Jack Krueger, John Dithmar, Les Wauters, Paul Pohle, Wally Kemmerer, Al Salo, Stub Kubly, Forest Kubly, Archie Meyer, Bill Bauman, Ken Wendland, and Jim Sands, not to mention, of course, the wives, children, and pets. A baseball game climaxed the day with all the old men trying vainly to revert back to college days. Art Kull was the perfect host and managed to slip in a little advertisement by serving milk and ice cream from his own dairy.

Some latest news items fresh from our press room are the recent discharge of Al Steinmetz, stork arrival to the Harland Klipsteins bringing a bouncing 9-pound girl, Larry Mallonig tearing away from business to attend Wisconsin's football opener, the recent marriage of Dick Du Brun, the return to school of Bob Omelina and Bill Pohle, and Ralph Wycoff, a graduate lawyer, tending bar at one of the local night spots.

—MYRON R. SANDS

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Men of West Virginia Beta, September, 1946.

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The delightful new Toast to Sigma Phi Epsilon appearing in this issue is the work of MAXWELL STILES, California Beta, whose son Walter is an active at that chapter. Author of a popular book on the Rose Bowl football games, the elder Stiles is press agent for the Los Angeles Rams, 1945 world champions, representing Los Angeles in the National Football League. Incidentally, Paul B. Slater, California Beta, '30, is writing a review of the Stiles book for the February JOURNAL.

CHARLES E. ALLRED, Tennessee Alpha, '13, has been an observer of effective fraternity alumni relations virtually since his graduation from the University of Tennessee. As professor in the School of Agriculture, he has known and advised many college generations of Sig Eps and has also been a devoted member of the Knoxville alumni group.

Author of previously published pieces in the JOURNAL and the present historian at New York Gamma chapter, GEORGE E. WOLF left New York University in his sophomore year to enter the Army. Released with the rank of Sergeant in time to resume his studies at Washington Square this fall, George is a staunch believer in visual methods for fraternity rushing, and has done extensive amateur motion picture work.

PAUL AMUNDSON, Wisconsin Alpha, '14, was one of the most popular members of Wisconsin Alpha, and though he left his home state almost immediately upon graduation to seek his fortune in Boston, for years he returned to the house at 618 East College Avenue, Appleton, and made the acquaintance of the new Sig Eps. One of Boston's very successful attorneys, he shelved his law books and writs with the advent of the war to head the Boston metropolitan chapter of the American Red Cross.

One undergraduate who has taken more than a responsible share in the production of interesting JOURNAL issues is Glen E. Satterly, comp-troller and historian of the chapter at the University of Iowa. His correspondence and pictures for this issue appeared to stand above those received from any other chapter—and it is the third time they have thus appeared.

A further noteworthy contribution is made by T. L. Sanderson, Massachusetts Beta, '31, editor of the excellent *Deltaurion*, who through a good deal of trouble provided the photographs of his chapter's library. These were intended to be part of an article on chapter house libraries, which, owing to lack of response on the part of chapter historians, did not materialize. From the pictures themselves it is not difficult to conclude that Massachusetts Beta is very likely possessor of the best library in Sigma Phi Epsilon, even though

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The 51-year-old, stockily built general officer has served more than half of his life in American military service, and as a colonel commanded the Twenty-fourth Marine Regiment in the capture of Roi-Namur, Kwajalein atoll, during the bitter fighting in the Marshall Islands; and in the toughest battle ever fought by troops of the Marine Corps, at Saipan, in the Marianas, also the perfect shore to shore amphibious assault on Tinian in the Marianas. For his exemplary action in the former campaign, he was awarded the Navy Cross, and the latter two operations the Legion of Merit.

He was promoted to brigadier general immediately following the Tinian operation and assigned duty as Assistant Division Commander, 4th Marine Division. In such capacity, he participated in the 4th Division assault and capture of Iwo Jima. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his outstanding services during this operation.

Brigadier General Hart, before taking over command of the Twenty-fourth Marines in June, 1943, was a member of the staff of the Commander of the United States Naval Forces in Europe, where he served as liaison officer with the British Chief of Combined Operations, Lord Louis Mountbatten. In this latter capacity, he participated in the Commando raid on Dieppe, for which he was commended by Lord Mountbatten.

Born in Cuthbert, Ga., September 16, 1894, Brigadier General Hart makes his home at Eufaula, Ala., and Washington, D.C. He was graduated in 1915 with a degree in mining engineering, from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, where he participated in athletics, played four years varsity football, and captained the track and soccer teams.

Upon graduation, the young engineer took his first job as a rodman and levelman, surveying for the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. He later also served as an athletic director and science teacher at Disque High School, Gadsden, Ala.

When war broke out with Mexico, he saw action as a second lieutenant in the Second Alabama Infantry, Alabama National Guard. Shortly before the United States entered the World War, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, February 6, 1917. As a second lieutenant, he first served with the Marine detachment aboard the U.S.S. *Vermont*, in which he was successively promoted first lieutenant and captain.

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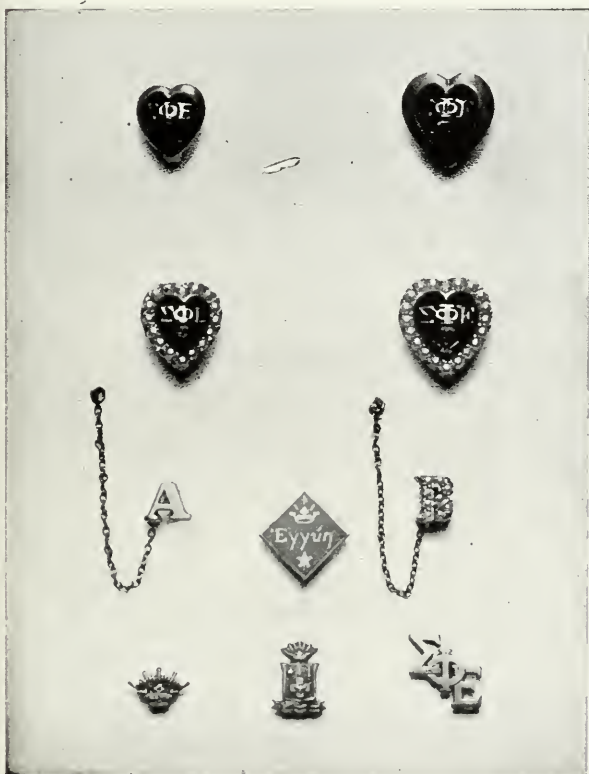
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